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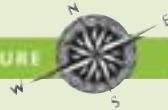
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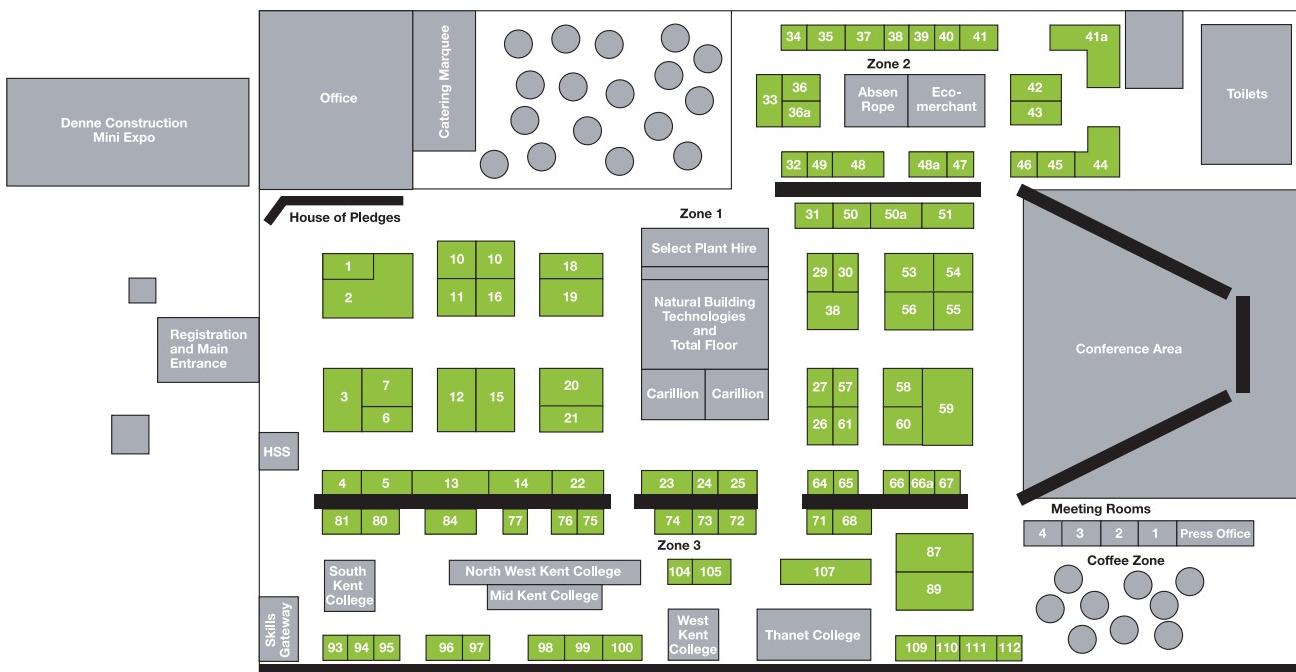
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MP Gwyn Prosser has blasted the county council for its delay in providing a lorry park to help stop congestion in Dover.

His criticism comes following the fire in the Channel Tunnel which led to Operation Stack being implemented on Thursday night and over the weekend.

The Labour MP for Dover and Deal suspects that problems with traffic could be ongoing and that the north tunnel will remain closed for longer than predicted.

He said: "This is a very serious incident and still early days. My view is the north tunnel will be out of action for longer than people think."

"The fire in 1996 caused the Tunnel to be out of use for two months or more, and this caused huge disruption on the roads to Dover."

Currently the south tunnel has reopened, but the north tunnel, where the fire occurred, remains closed.

During a radio interview, Mr Prosser blasted Kent County Council, saying it should "pull its finger out" with regards to the planned Aldington lorry park, adding that Dover is the place that is suffering.

He told Yourdover: "Until KCC sorts out proper off-road stacks, Operation Stack is all we've got to safely manage traffic to the port."

The county council, however, has blamed the Government, saying it should have provided a lorry park years ago and that instead it is having to do it.

Mr Prosser also spoke about the delays expected in Dover over the next few weeks.

He said: "Ferry companies will do their best to absorb as much of the increased passenger and freight traffic as possible, but it's inevitable that taking on 20 per cent of the traffic that the Tunnel usually covers will cause delays."

YVES CHANNELS HIS ENERGY

Daredevil pilot Yves Rossy soars 180mph through the skies above Switzerland as he prepares for his flight across the Channel. With a homemade rocket pack and 8ft wing attached to his back, the 49-year-old from Switzerland, nicknamed Fusionman, will attempt to cross the 22 miles from Calais to Dover. Rossy, who only took his first jetpack flight in May, will jump from a plane 2,400 metres above the French town before flying to South Foreland lighthouse on our very own White Cliffs.



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CHIC: Tony Marsden is pleased with the potential of his investment in The Marquis in Elham

Pub joins the nobility as hotel and restaurant

■ BY MARIJKE COX

TWO businessmen have teamed up to launch an exclusive hotel with a touch of "boutique chic" in the heart of the Alkham Valley.

Hugh Oxborrow and Tony Marsden have invested £1.5 million and six months of their time turning the 200-year-old Marquis pub into a hotel and restaurant.

The former village inn now boasts five double ensuite bedrooms, a dining room, a wine bar and a meeting room.

Tony, who has lived in Alkham for five years, said: "I visited The Marquis when it was a pub and thought it had a lot of potential.

"I realised there was a gap in the market for a quality restaurant and luxury letting rooms in the area, which is why I decided to invest in this project and embark on a joint venture with Hugh."

"I'm delighted with the result and plan to make The Marquis a pilot for similar venues."

His business partner Hugh said:

"The transformation is stunning. "The whole building has been stripped to its original brickwork,

extended, refurbished, decorated and furnished to provide contemporary style and elegance in a beautiful rural setting.

"Discerning diners and travellers want more than just a meal and a bed for the night."

"They're looking for good, personal service, a warm welcome and attention to detail, the kind of things you just don't find in a faceless hotel chain."

"The Marquis provides a touch of boutique chic in the English countryside."

Head chef at the hotel's restaurant is award-winning Charlie Lakin, who has selected a team of professionals from some of the best restaurants in Kent to help him.

He said: "I love to take old favourites full of robust, fresh flavours and give them a modern twist."

"Diners can expect some truly hearty dishes, from Alkham Valley rabbit pie and crisp pig's trotters to slow-roasted Kentish lamb."

For more information or to book see www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk, call 01304 873410 or email info@themarquisatalkham.co.uk.

The Marquis opened for business on Wednesday, September 10, with the official launch planned for the end of the month.

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Man arrested after murders

A MAN has been arrested in Dover after two women were murdered.

The 28-year-old was arrested at 6.30am on Tuesday, September 16, after West Midlands police officers discovered the two bodies in a Birmingham flat at 5.40pm on Monday.

He was detained by Kent Police after allegedly attempting to board a ferry from the port.

During a press conference, a West Midlands Police spokesman said the two women, who were aged in their twenties, were subjected to a "sustained and violent" attack.

Healthy walking

THE Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust is holding a number of walks around Dover and Deal.

The East Kent Healthwalks 2008 programme aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and offers free, short, volunteer-led, walks for those who want to be more active.

Walks are around 40-90 minutes long and leave from accessible venues.

There is no need to book and most of the walks finish with refreshments.

For more information or to find out meeting places and times visit www.eastcoastkentpct.nhs.uk.

Called to awards

STAFF at P&O Ferries are celebrating their success at making it to the final of the European Call Centre of the Year Awards.

Judging will take place this month and the company will find out whether they have won their category, Best Virtual Call Centre.

Customer inquiries are filtered to a team of almost 200 people in offices in Rotterdam, Calais and Dover.

Running up praise

YOUNG sprinters who took part in a series of street races have been congratulated by Dover District Council.

The heats were held on Sunday, August 24, as part of the events to celebrate the Olympic handover from Beijing to London.

Cllr Julie Rook, cabinet member for community, citizenship, youth and sport, said: "We were delighted at the support of the street athletics, it was great to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners."

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Rocket man's ready for Channel crossing

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A DAREDEVIL pilot will attempt to fly across the Channel next week – with a home-made jetpack on his back.

Yves Rossy, 49, a former fighter pilot from Switzerland, will attempt to fly from Calais to Dover, marking the 99 years since Louis Bleriot became the first man to cross the Channel in an aircraft.

On Wednesday, September 24, he will jump out of a plane above Calais at an altitude of 2,400m with three parachutes strapped to him.

He said: "My flight will be a tribute to all those who came before me, many of whom were killed."

Mr Rossy, nicknamed Fusionman, has recently completed a test flight with an eight-foot carbon-fibre wing powered by four engines.

Following this flight, where he flew for more than 22 miles, the equivalent of a cross-Channel trip, he is confident about the task ahead of him.

He said: "Everything went well. It was awesome."

"It's my longest flight with this wing. If there are no technical problems it will be okay for the Channel. I did the distance. Everything is going swimmingly."

The test flight in Switzerland saw Mr Rossy reach speeds of 180mph as he flew to Villeneuve and back to the town of Bex, where he released two parachutes to enable a safe landing.

He was able to change direction by shifting his weight or turning his head and shoulders.

The stunt next week will be broadcast live in 165 countries by the National Geographic and will be available to view on the station's website www.natgeotv.com.

During a meeting of Dover District



CHALLENGE: Yves Rossy aims to fly from Calais to Dover by the power of a jetpack strapped to his back on Wednesday next week

Council, leader Paul Watkins said he was pleased to hear about the venture and hopes the coverage will help the town's bid for the Olympic torch.

He said: "The jet man will be flying to South Foreland Lighthouse with the event linked to Bleriot's landing."

"The film crew that are coming down from National Geographic will bring national coverage for Dover

which is a positive thing. This is another opportunity to raise our profile in the bid for the Olympic torch to enter the UK through Dover."

Cllr Watkins also mentioned the partnership that is being built up between the council and dignitaries in Calais.

He said: "We're looking at cross-Channel co-operation with this."

Rejection of registration prompts fears for green

THE Labour group at County Hall has criticised Tories for opposing plans to register Aylesham's Market Square as a village green.

It was discovered that earlier this month conservative councillors from Dover District Council had met to oppose the registration proposals over the piece of land.

Fears from the Labour group and Aylesham community are that if the square is not registered it could be left open for development.

But during a meeting at Dover District Council, conservative leader Paul Watkins denied any plans to build on the square.

He said: "There are no plans for development."

"This is not for us to consult on but

Kent County Council. We're simply responding as a local authority from a consultation."

But opposition leader Cllr Ben Bano is concerned the historical piece of land, created from a master-plan by Sir Patrick Abercrombie, will have no protection from developers if left unregistered.

Historic

Sir Patrick was arguably the founding father of British town planning and was responsible for the post-World War Two re-planning of London.

Cllr Bano said: "I would have hoped we would have been able to consult shareholders on this first."

"I know how I stand on it – the

market square needs to be reserved as a green. I don't know why they have to object to it?"

Cllr Eileen Rowbotham, of KCC's Labour group representing North Dover, said: "I support the community and parish council in opposing any attempt to eat into this green space."

"It is a key element of the Abercrombie plan and has been used for 80 years as a village green."

Cllr Terry Birkett, a former miner and Labour county councillor for Deal, is also for registering the piece of land as a village green.

He said: "This district council apparently wants to preserve its rights over the market square. Behind all this is a plan to encroach on what is and always has been a village green."

Man is held under Terrorism Act

POLICE questioning a man under the Terrorism Act in Hawkinge have searched a kebab shop in Dover.

Forensic officers spent yesterday morning (Tuesday) at Dolphin Kebabs in Dover high street as well as a fish and chip shop in Hawkinge.

A man is being held in custody after being arrested on Monday at 8am as he drove in Spitfire Way.

A police spokesman said he was being held on suspicion of being engaged in the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism.

Investigations have also been carried out in Curlew Place, Hawkinge.

Dog days on the green

DOG owners are being invited to an event on Walmer Green to learn more about responsible dog ownership.

Staff from the kennels will also microchip dogs at a discounted rate of £14.

The event is being held on Walmer Green by the bandstand on Saturday, September 20, from 10am-4pm.

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Three hunted after knife raid on Co-op

POLICE are appealing for information after a robbery at a store in Deal.

Two men, thought to have been carrying kitchen knives, came into the Co-op in Mill Road at about 6.30am on Tuesday last week and threatened staff, demanding they open the safe.

The men took money and scratch cards and left the shop before driving off in a green or grey car, which looked like a Vauxhall Cavalier, and was thought to have been driven by a third man.

The robbers are white. One is aged about 22, 5ft 8in, of slight build and has short dark hair. He wore a dark tracksuit with stripes on the sleeves.

The second man is 6ft, of stocky build and wore grey jogging bottoms and a grey striped top, possibly with an Adidas logo, and a baseball cap.

Both had masks covering their faces. Phone police on 01233 896280 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Food safety on menu at council seminars

DOVER District Council has hosted a series of food safety seminars to ensure food safety standards are maintained.

In 2006 a grant was obtained through a successful bid by Environmental Health teams across Kent to provide Safer Food Better Business seminars and coaching for food companies across the county.

The district council has monitored progress, providing advice and information packs are still being distributed.

For more details or a copy of the pack, phone the Food Standards Agency on 0845 6060667 or DDC Environmental Health on 01304 872216 or email envhealth@dover.gov.uk.

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SNAPSHOTS FROM TOWN'S PAST



A collection of unique images capturing life in 50s, 60s and 70s Dover is being featured in a new exhibition at Dover Museum.

The display shows the work of Ray Warner, a commercial and news photographer in Townwall Street from 1939 until 1977.

Mr Warner was responsible for the annual Dover Film event from 1947 until his death in 1989 and provided a snapshot of famous faces and events over the years.

The exhibition includes many of his original studio prints and excerpts of his 16mm films, presented on a touch-screen console.

For more information, phone Dover Museum on 01304 201066.

Port rates could leave firms sinking in debt

COMPANIES based at the Port of Dover could be facing a "financial nightmare" under new changes to rates bills made by the Government.

Operators in Hull, including the Dover-based P&O Ferries, have been hit with huge costs dating back to 2005 and it is expected the same could happen at other ports across the country.

The old system saw rates based on collective turnover at the port, but changes will see individual companies paying their own separate costs.

And due to the length of time taken by valuation officers to bring plans in, bills have been backdated and operators around the company face being hit with multi-million-pound costs.

At Hull, the new system has been applied to 39 businesses, with P&O Ferries facing a backdated bill of £5 million to 2005 plus £2.4 million for the current year.

Smaller operators have also been hit and fears are that bankruptcies and redundancies could follow.

The combined annual rates bill under the old

■ BY MARIJKE COX

system at Hull was just over £3 million before 2005, but under the new system the rates collectable in 2008, with the backdating, is £20 million.

P&O spokesman Brian Rees said that companies were not surprised at the changes, but that the prospect of paying backdated bills had "stunned" them.

He said: "Rates have already been paid under the old system, so backdating shouldn't arise."

"Looking ahead, the new bills are so detached from commercial reality that there can be no doubt they'll drive some smaller companies to the wall."

"Unless the Government wants to decimate the shipping and logistics sector, it should call a halt and reconsider the whole sorry mess."

Mr Rees also said that local authorities, which collect the rates, are sympathetic to those affected but cannot put off collection forever.

Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser, who

was a chief engineer officer on the ferries for 20 years, spoke to Yourdover about his concerns.

He said: "This is a real issue, but it's still early days."

"The Valuation Office has not visited Dover yet, but projections are being made by P&O and the rest of the industry based on the Hull experience."

"Smaller operators are more vulnerable if it does happen and if they can't pay the costs they could close down."

"No industry at any time can cope with such massive financial costs."

"I've written to the port's minister, Jim Fitzpatrick, explaining my concerns and I've asked for comments on these predictions."

"The biggest flaw in this is that this procedure went ahead in Hull without the stakeholders being consulted."

"These plans began in 2005 and in my opinion the Valuation Office has taken too long to implement it and the blame should not be placed on operators."

"A better system should be put in place to move from the old rates to the new ones."



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Seaside interludes on stage and screen

A NEW entertainment area has been launched in Deal almost a year after the town's Flicks cinema closed.

Films and live stage shows will be available to view at the Interludes Stage and Screen Club at St George's Parish Hall, which opened on Friday last week.

And the people behind the project aren't stopping there - they hope to take over the Astor Theatre, too.

Triggered

Colin Whittington and Denis Hart, of Deal Arts Management Ltd, have big plans for Deal and hope they can bring more entertainment into the town.

Mr Whittington said: "The idea was triggered by the closure of Flicks last year."

"Prior to that we had been talking about live

■ BY MARIJKE COX

theatre events, so we decided to have film and theatre, but we had to find a venue first.

"At St George's there's a stage and a 15ft-wide screen and it seats 120 people."

Mr Whittington also spoke about plans to take over the running of the Astor Theatre following the resignation of its former chairman, Jon Johansson.

He said: "The chief executive of Deal Arts Management, James Tillett, has been giving presentations to try to acquire the theatre.

"James ran the Kent Opera Company and we're backed heavily by professionals.

"It's been portrayed as a very competitive situation, but it's not."

Mr Tillett also has experience working at Arts Educational Schools London.

The launch of Interludes included a screen-

ing of Ruby Blue, starring Bob Hoskins, which was partly filmed on Deal Pier and in the high street.

Mr Whittington said: "The film distributors approached us and asked if we would screen their film on our launch night.

"It was a sell-out. We've had fantastic feedback from people about what we're doing."

A membership scheme has also been set up so members can be guaranteed a ticket for the performances and films being shown.

Mr Whittington said: "We've had some wonderful letters from people wanting to join.

"It's the first time that anyone's done anything like this in Deal, so everyone's excited."

Interludes will show two films a month on Fridays, plus a live performance once a month on a Saturday night.

Admission is £6 on the door, or in advance from Sound House, High Street, or by phoning 01304 375533.



SCREENING: Ruby Blue, starring Bob Hoskins, which was filmed in Deal, opens the Interludes Stage and Screen Club

Docked puppies 'suffered'

TWO women from Dover have been fined for illegally docking the tails of seven puppies over their garden fence.

Kim Smissen, 27, of Bindon Blood Road, asked her next-door neighbour Hayley Greenwood, 22, to dock the tails of her one-week old boxer puppies.

Folkestone magistrates heard how Smissen held the animals over the fence while Greenwood put tight elastic bands on their tails in October last year.

The puppies' tails later fell off.

A complaint was made to the RSPCA by a member of the public, and Inspector Charlotte Eyden took the animals to see vet

Jeremy Stattersfield, who said the puppies would have suffered throughout the ordeal.

The two women admitted illegally removing the tails and Smissen's live-in partner Stephen Williams, 33, admitted failing to stop the pair from doing it.

Greenwood was fined £100 and ordered to pay £1,275 costs; Smissen was fined £300 and ordered to pay £1,990; and Williams was fined £180 and also made to pay £1,990 costs.

Inspector Eyden said: "It is illegal to dock puppies' tails and it is certainly barbaric, causes them suffering and is completely unnecessary."

Duo in court over cocaine on yacht

TWO men are due before magistrates charged with conspiracy to import cocaine after 100kg of the drug worth £5 million was discovered on a yacht.

Douglas Wood, 58, from Sandwich Bay, and David Coxon, 52, from Jarrow, Tyneside, are set to appear at Greenwich magistrates court.

The yacht Ronin was stopped off Cornwall by the UK Border Agency on Friday.

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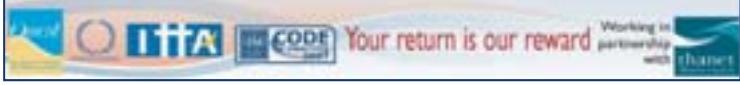
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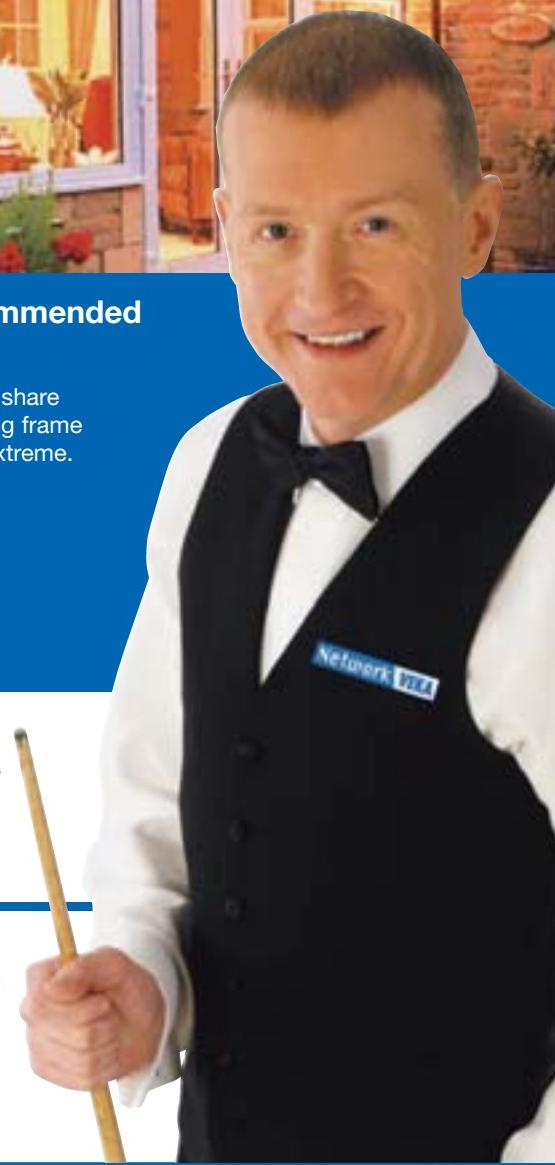
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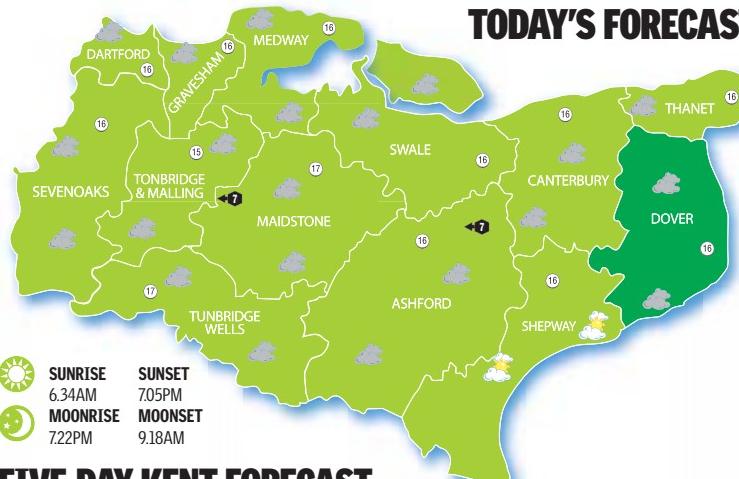
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| Dover | Sunday | 3:56pm | 6.3m |
| Dungeness | Saturday | 1:29pm | 6.9m |
| Ramsgate | Sunday | 2:06pm | 6.8m |
| Sheerness | Saturday | 1:36pm | 8.3m |
| Whitstable | Sunday | 2:13pm | 8.2m |
| Chatham | Saturday | 1:59pm | 5.3m |
| Dover | Sunday | 2:36pm | 5.2m |
| Dungeness | Saturday | 3:09pm | 6.0m |
| Ramsgate | Sunday | 3:46pm | 5.9m |
| Sheerness | Saturday | 3:07pm | 5.5m |
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Healthy numbers line up for half-marathon

The Folkestone Rotary half marathon is set to take place on Sunday, September 28, and preparations are well under way.

Runners will be going down the Road of Remembrance, along the seafront to Hythe, loop round to The Green and back up Albert Road via the seafront again to include the Road of Remembrance hill as a final hurdle at about 12.5 miles to finish up outside The Grand.

The winner will receive £100 in a prize sponsored by Independent Insurance Services.

Ray Johnson, the race director, said: "We are delighted with the sponsorship we have already received and a good number of entries. We have well over 400 entries to date, well up on last year."

"Runners have the opportunity to raise money for their chosen charity and so we would encourage early applications to enable the participant to encourage sponsorship beforehand."

Pilot out to make light work of Channel flight

FRENCH amateur pilot Stephane Rousson, who failed in his attempts to cross the Channel in a pedal-powered airship in June, is returning to Shepway for another attempt at the record.

Rousson arrives at Lydd airport on Friday, September 19, to begin two days of preparations for the attempt in his helium-filled machine.

He is set to take off from the beach at Hythe and, if successful, it would be the first human-powered airship crossing of the Channel.

The 39-year-old will travel just 100ft above the water in Zeppy, which is slightly heavier than air and has two tilting propellers powered from a seat.

It is so delicate that the Frenchman must wait for a near-windless day to attempt his feat. Adverse weather conditions thwarted his last bid.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

TONY STOCKWELL



Q & A

Medium and clairvoyant Tony Stockwell appears at the Leas Cliff Hall on September 25. He has appeared on TV shows including I'm Famous and Frightened with Eastender Daniella Westbrook. He tells **Nick Ames** about his life and work in contacting the other side.

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Q How does the stage show work?

A I field the information from the spirit world in front of the audience. I'll say, for example, there's a person here, a man, he's 45 years old, a former builder, and maybe give a name.

I will ask anyone in the audience if they know who that could be and wait for a reaction.

If someone puts their hand up, the cameraman on stage will focus on them and we will explore any connection.

Q When were you first aware of your psychic gift?

A It manifested itself when I was small, but I didn't really recognise it for what it was. I thought everyone could hear voices and had visions.

I have even had occasions when someone has appeared in front of me and I can see them just as clearly as if they were a living person.

Q How did you explore what was happening around you and to you?

A I went to a spiritualist church when I was 16 and saw all these other people doing things with the spirit world.

Things happening to me suddenly became clearer. After a while I was asked to join in with a group of mediums.

Q Did that help you to develop your abilities?

A Certainly, yes it did. The best analogy I can think of is as a young person you might be able to run fast – but you need training if you are to develop that ability and turn into a proper athlete.

Q How do people react around you?

A Sometimes when people say they are an architect or whatever, I just say I organise seminars, which I actually do. When I get to know people, I explain I do. Also I respect other people's religions and beliefs, so I am always slightly reserved.

Q Do you ever receive information which you feel is too traumatic for a person to hear?

A Sometimes yes, the amount of abuse and hurt which goes on is astonishing. I never reveal that in public, but I talk privately to people after the evening sessions.

I will then tell them what I have received, but I still make sure it will 'enable' rather than 'disable' the person concerned.

Q How do you feel about recent legislation which says mediums and clairvoyants should be regarded as entertainers?

A If it protects people from being exploited, then I'm all for it. I do what it says

on the ticket and I have never had any complaints. If unscrupulous people are put off by new laws, then that is all to the good. I make no fake claims and I have never had the need to.

Q How do you feel the spirit world is portrayed on film or TV? Things like The X-Files and The Sixth Sense or Blair Witch certainly make people take notice of the occult, don't they?

A Yes, they do. In some ways it's good as people are thinking of the possibility of life after death, but they are very much drama. They don't really represent the true spirit world.

For instance, I have never seen or felt anything that shocked or alarmed me or ever made me worried.

What I feel happens is that a positive reunion takes place of those who have gone before. That can be very helpful to people who for some reason fear the afterlife, which they should not.

Q How can people find out more?

A At my website, www.tonystockwell.com, and of course they are welcome to come along. The evenings are joyous and happy, sometimes funny and there is the potential to show life exists beyond physical death. Someone who receives a connection can have a very great change in their life.

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Who will be the queen of teens?

BY CHRIS MURPHY

A WAITRESS, two students and a pet shop worker are all vying for places in the final of a national teen modelling competition.

The four girls from Kent are in the fight to become Teen Queen UK 2009 after successfully passing through preliminary rounds.

They now need the public to vote for them so they can advance to the next stage.

Nicole Harris, 19, from Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey, Melissa Kimber, 17, from Ashford, Emily Martin, 18, from Gravesend, and Micha Kelly, 17, from Rainham, have beaten off hundreds of other hopefuls.

Nicole, a student at the Mandy Ellen Performing Arts College in Maidstone, said: "I need public votes to secure a place in the final, so I am trying to drum up some support."

"This all started when I was selected as Miss Sheppey 2006. I then went on to win other titles like Court of Kent Princess 2007, UK Carnival Queen 2007 at Disneyland Resort Paris, Team England Miss Euroregion 2007, Miss Elegance at Miss Media Models 2008, 2nd Runner-up at Miss Teen Beauty Queen London 2008, and was a finalist at the Miss Teen Beauty Queen England last year. I would love to add Miss Teen Queen to my resume."

She added: "I enjoy entering these contests – they also show that some of us are not out on the streets vandalising things."

Melissa, who was a Miss Ashford Princess last year, works in PetSmart.

She said: "I want to be a model and I love meeting people and being a representative, so I would love to win this contest."

Micha is a student at Chatham Grammar



BEAUTIES: Clockwise from top left: Nicola Harris, Melissa Kimber, Micha Kelly and Emily Martin

School for Girls. She said: "I would love to do catwalk modelling, but I am not really tall enough for that."

"So I am looking to get into commercial modelling for products in magazines. I entered the Miss Teen Queen contest for some extra experience. I really am keen to learn all I can about the business."

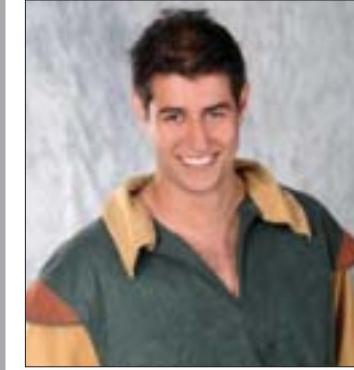
Emily is a waitress and is studying childcare at college. She said: "I want to get in to modelling. I have relatives who are in the business and it looks like a brilliant life."



"I want to do fashion modelling in particular. I am trying to be confident of going through to the next round – it's my dream to win because I think it will open some doors to a modelling career. It will make me more confident too."

Director Linda Perrini said: "The UK finals are next summer, so all the Kent girls have plenty of time to keep their fingers crossed."

• To vote for one of the girls, use a mobile to text her first and last name to 84205. Calls cost 60p plus standard network charge, and voters need to be over 18 and have the bill payer's permission.



JACK: Jake Hendriks stars in the Hazlitt pantomime

Make a song and dance over audition

DANCERS can audition this weekend for a chance to perform alongside Hollyoaks star Jake Hendriks in a panto.

New World Productions is searching for male and female dancers to appear in the Christmas run of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone.

Mr Hendriks, also known as Father Kieron Hobbs from the popular teen soap Hollyoaks, will take the lead role as Jack.

Also in the production is Tom Swift, who will play Simple Simon and Michael Fenton Stevens, who plays Mr Griffith in BBC show My Family, as Dame Trott.

Auditions will take place this Sunday at the Hazlitt Arts Centre in Earl Street, Maidstone. Dancers need to be available during the Christmas period as the show runs from November 29 to January 4.

The registration for eight to nine-year-olds will be at 10am, for ten to 11-year-olds will be at midday, for 12 to 13-year-olds will be 2pm, for 14 to 15-year-olds will be 4pm and dancers aged 16 and above need to sign in at 5pm.

The auditions are expected to be popular, so anyone interested is advised to arrive before their registration time and be prepared to queue.

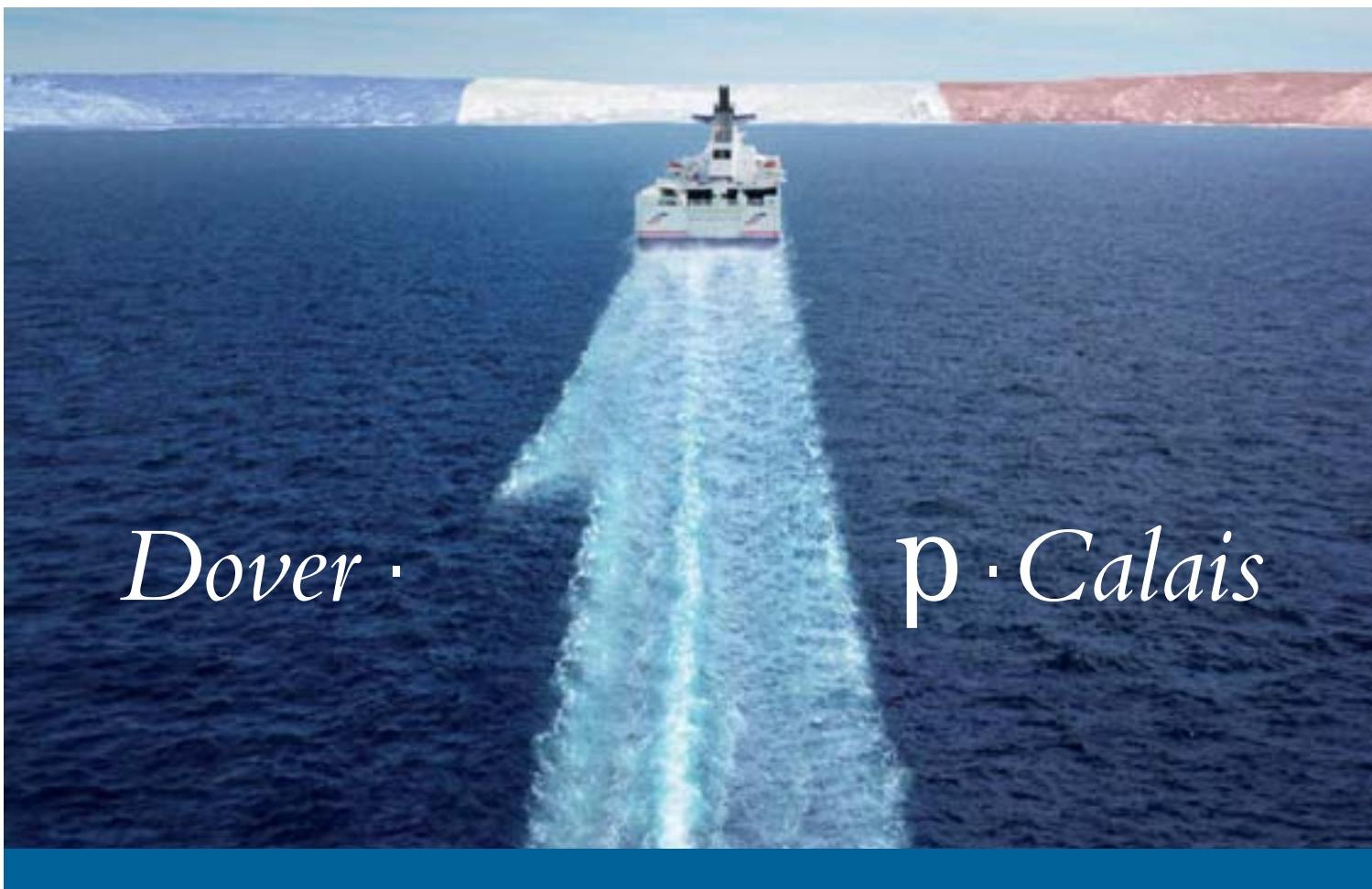


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Awards recognise those serving their community

■ BY NICK AMES

THE county's Chief Constable Michael Fuller, along with Ann Barnes, chair of the Kent Police Authority, honoured those who were making a difference in their communities as they hosted the Safer Kent Awards 2008 event on Friday.

Winners and runners-up from across the county were acknowledged for their work and were presented with a cheque for a community project of their choice.

Appreciate

Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and wardens were all recognised for making a real difference to neighbourhoods and improving the quality of life of local residents.

Nominations came from people who realised the effect those working to assist others were having locally.

Ann Barnes, chair of the Kent Police Authority said: "This is all about saying thank you to people who work hard to improve lives of residents. Sometimes we have to take a step back and appreciate the work these people do



SALUTE: Chief Constable Michael Fuller with KCC warden Malcolm Wells and Ann Barnes, of Kent Police Authority

on a daily basis. There are people in addition to regular police officers that improve quality of life of residents and most importantly play a role in keeping neighbourhoods a safe place.

"In today's world we are all too often quick to

complain and judge, so I'm pleased the Police Authority can find a way to say thank you.

"It's fantastic to host an event like this. I would like to say thank you to all the companies that gave donations and our main sponsors."

WINNERS LIST

• **EAST KENT AND OVERALL WINNER:** KCC warden Malcolm Wells has been in post since December 2004 and looks after Ringwould and Kingsdown villages. He is well known at local schools and writes a regular column in the community newsletter.

A member of the Youth Offending Service obtained £7000 funding for a new Kick Wall in the Kingsdown Recreation Ground to give young people something to do. He has recently taken on the appointment of chairman to the Kingsdown Village Hall committee.

• **WEST KENT WINNERS:** KCC warden Janet Greenroyd, 57, who looks after the villages of Sissinghurst, Benenden, Fritenden.

Janet set up a gardening scheme in Cranbrook in a bid to reduce the risk of elderly people becoming victims of bogus callers. She has also played a key role in setting up a 'walking bus' scheme in Benenden.

KCC warden Chris Lomax has looked after Staplehurst for the last three years. Instrumental in reopening the local youth club he has helped secure funding for the Staplehurst Arts Festival.

• **SOUTH KENT WINNER:** Neighbourhood Watch volunteer David Alford for his work in Lydd.

He acts as company secretary for the Kent County Neighbourhood Watch Association and is a principle fundraiser.

He was instrumental in producing a Kent Police Services Level Agreement, ensuring a future partnership between Neighbourhood Watch and Kent Police - the first agreement of its kind in the country.

• **MEDWAY WINNER:** Special Constable Paul Butler has been in the role for the last eight and a half years.

Special Constables are expected to dedicate 16 hours a month of their own time - unpaid. But Paul is clocking up an exceptional average of 80 - 100 hours a month - all in his own time and on top of his day job as a Kent Highways street lighting engineer.

Thrills, spills and top music as Days for Heroes raises important funds

CHART sensations Girls Aloud and comedian Peter Kay will send special video messages to support this weekend's Days for Heroes event at the County Showground in Detling.

Topping the bill at the event are chart-toppers McFly with 80s solo star Nik Kershaw also on the bill.

The Red Arrows are scheduled to fly overhead during the concert on

Sunday, September 21. The event has been set up to raise money for and awareness of the plight injured servicemen and women face on their return from active service.

Also making an appearance will be double Olympic gold-winning athlete Dame Kelly Holmes, Extras and EastEnders star Shaun Williamson, comedian Peter Kay,

and TV presenter and ex-Bucks Fizz singer Cheryl Baker.

Performance

Jeff Silbar, co-writer of the ballad Wind Beneath My Wings, will be making a special appearance to give a moving performance of the song with soul diva Jocelyn Brown.

The ballad holds particular impor-

tance with Help for Heroes as its chorus "Did you ever know that you're my hero" has become an anthem for the charity.

Music gets under way at 3pm with McFly ending the show with a 100-minute set at 8.40pm.

There will also be a host of attractions for those attending, with traditional rides for those with younger

children, and a funfair sporting more than 20 free rides including the 'reverse bungee power shot' for adrenaline junkies.

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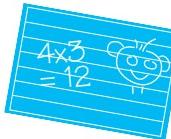
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Partnership to put our children first

A NEW scheme committed to improving the well-being of children, young people and families is being rolled out across Kent.

As part of a national programme, 23 Local Children's Services Partnerships (LCSPs) are being created to bring together representatives from KCC, social services and schools to work with young people in the area.

The aim of the initiative is to improve the health, safety and learning of all children.

Alan Rodgers is manager of the Deal and Sandwich LCSP.

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He said: "I am looking forward to working in partnership with schools, agencies, children and parents."

"We can achieve more working together to create better learning and life opportunities for all children and young people."

Leyland Ridings, cabinet member for children, families and education standards at KCC, said: "This is a hugely significant moment in the development of our children's trust arrangements and our ambition to improve the well-being and life chances for Kent children and young people."

"I know all the partnerships will have a very successful future."

Head looks to a great first year

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A NEW head-teacher has been appointed at Northbourne Park School in Deal.

Edward Balfour, who has moved to Kent with his wife Emma and their two young children, has joined the school from Bradfield College in Berkshire, where he was senior housemaster as well as an English and drama specialist.

On the first day back from the summer holidays, Mr Balfour said: "I am thrilled to be here. Northbourne Park is a unique school and its emphasis on providing an excellent all-round education aimed at developing happy and confident children ties in perfectly with my educational beliefs."

"The school is going from strength to strength, growing in numbers and last year we continued our unbroken 100 per cent success rate at Common Entrance."

"We have some extremely talented young people joining and our bilingual programme continues to be a unique feature of the school."

"We are aiming for our best academic results ever this year, while giving children the opportunity to excel in our full extra-curricular and outdoor education programmes with plenty of drama and music mixed in."

"The first year should fly by and it looks like we have a great year ahead of us."

Northbourne Park, a co-educational day and boarding school for children aged 3-13, has also announced the appointment of Craig Riley as director of sport.

The former county cricket coach from the



WELCOME: New head teacher Edward Balfour and his wife and children have moved from Berkshire

Kent Cricket Academy will be responsible for the sports development programme being launched at the school.

The scheme will cater for the top girls' and boys' teams, as well as introducing sports initiatives in the pre-prep department.

Mr Riley has experience on the Kent Young Cricketers Scheme, along with being in charge of the Kent Spitfires Study Centre.

The school is holding an open day on Saturday, October 4, from 10am-12.30pm, at which visitors will have the chance to take a tour of the prep and pre-prep departments.

Visitors will be able to meet staff and children, as well as see the different activities that take place during a tour of the parkland.

For more details about the school, see www.northbournepark.com.

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Perhaps town's reputation could be enhanced by more positive residents...

Stop whingeing and start to celebrate our new hospital

WITH Dover about to receive a new multi-million-pound community hospital, I find it hard to believe there are still people complaining that the town 'deserves better'.

A polyclinic, health centre, community hospital, whatever you want to call it (and let's be honest, this in itself has caused ructions), surely people can see the NHS is trying to do what's best.

There is no way it can justify putting a general hospital in a town with a population of under 30,000 when Folkestone, next door, has almost 54,000 people and no district hospital.

If Dover was to get one, everyone would want one, and next thing you know we'd be overrun with empty hospitals and doctors with nothing to do.

Would Sandwich and Deal start campaigning to have a hospital closer to them, too? After all, Deal has a bigger population than Dover, so shouldn't the NHS be prioritising there instead?

A full range of services has been promised at the new facility, but without in-patient beds.

Fair enough, a hospital without beds seems a little ridiculous, and I can understand the complaints, but as stated by the health authorities countless times, this is not going to be a centre with acute services.

Some £20 million is being pumped into the project, so at least let them walk before they can run – maybe once it's up and running, expansion will take place and beds can be considered.

The latest complaint in the community hospital saga is the proposed site for its location.

County councillors have backed plans to have it built in Maison Dieu car park next to the health centre. Yet again – and oh so predictably – this has sparked criticism from, yet again, some people in Dover.

Their arguments range from an inability to expand the site, car-parking problems and congestion – and this of course somehow leads us back to "Dover should have a general hospital".

At some point reality must prevail and people should focus on the fact millions of pounds is being invested in the town's health service.

The preferred location from some of the more vociferous residents is a site in Whitfield, but

this would cost significantly more to build and 50 per cent of the town's population would have to travel by car or public transport to get there.

A major plank of the general hospital campaign is a petition boasting 28,000 signatures which was taken to Downing Street and presented to officials.

Although this proves people are backing the movement, surely anyone, if asked, would say yes to a hospital in their town.

And if people in developing countries around the world were offered a £20 million community hospital, I'm pretty sure they would say yes, too.

We can't always get what we want and although I admire the work that has gone into petitioning for a general hospital, Dover is by no means going without.

I often wonder where the town gets its drab reputation from and I'm starting to think it's not from rundown buildings and a lack of shops, but from some of its whingeing residents.

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yourcompetition

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TO celebrate the change of seasons, we have teamed up with Timotei to offer one lucky reader the chance to win a gardening set for your little ones to enjoy.

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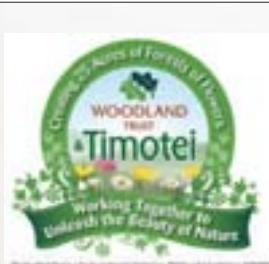
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TALK TIME

JILL TIPPING

The entrepreneur from Dover and wife of a dyslexic author talks about her businesses and supporting her husband in his work



Who or what brought you to Dover?
As an east Kent girl, I have spent the past 22 years living in the lovely village of Shepherdswell.

Can you tell us a little bit about what you do?
I suppose you would call me an entrepreneur. My variety of ventures includes a publishing house (Kavanagh Tipping) and a sports promotion company (Xposure Ltd).

I also own a consultancy through which I offer advice to small businesses, as well as delivering motivational and inspirational presentations and workshops to people of all ages from all backgrounds.

Your husband John has written a book despite suffering from severe dyslexia. How are you feeling about this and his other achievements?

We have just published his biography, Go Play In The Sand, John. My husband is an amazing person and this book maps his life from depression and frustration through to his 'awakening' five years ago when he turned his life around and started to see things differently.

He has been honest and open throughout the book and now proudly announces that he no longer has any skeletons in the cupboard. He is profoundly dyslexic but still runs two businesses himself, with a bit of help from yours truly.

John wants to be an ambassador for dyslexics everywhere, giving them a voice and helping people to understand what it is like to live with this disability. He has a blog at www.dyslexic-entrepreneur.com.

John has also featured in the Channel Four documentary Can't Read Can't Write. What was it like seeing him in this?

He did six months of filming last year for the series and we seemed to be forever having a film crew in our house.

YOUR LETTERS

Eurostar gives out with one hand but takes with another

Eurostar intends to restore, from December, one direct train each way between Ashford and Brussels most days of the week.

I will happily drive my husband to the station for 6am to catch it. However, there are no trains early enough to make the connection for passengers from Canterbury, Maidstone or Hastings.

Nor will the 6.27am stop at Lille. The EuroDisney train is also moving one hour later, so Ashford passengers hoping for Lille connections to the Continent will miss most of them.

Tour companies will therefore be forced to continue to use Ebbsfleet. On Saturday, the train will depart Ashford at 8.28am, but there will be no return until 5pm on a Sunday. Thus a day trip to Brussels will be impossible at the weekend.

Furthermore, from December, the 8.59am from Brussels will no longer stop at Lille. This currently connects with the 10.09am Lille-London service, which stops at Ashford, the only train which permits travellers from Brussels or Lille to reach Ashford in the morning. There is no possibility of a day trip to Ashford.

Business people will be forced to stay longer than two nights, which in the present economic climate will be increasingly difficult. Thus we are also losing another valuable service and people who live in Europe gain nothing.

I am delighted that passenger numbers and revenue are up



overall. As a Scot, I am overjoyed that there are encouraging offers for those who live farther afield than the home counties.

However, I am appalled that the company should continue to downgrade Ashford to promote a station which cannot even be accessed by train.

Eurostar never said Ashford was making a loss. It simply took all four of our direct Brussels services and most of the Paris ones in order to promote Ebbsfleet.

Eurostar was quoted recently in Modern Railways as saying that Ebbsfleet station is "fully meeting expectations". Why then have I been told that one-third of the security staff were made redundant from this month?

Last year, Eurostar claimed that up to two-thirds of Ashford's passengers would move to Ebbsfleet. That would mean that at least 250,000 former Ashford passengers should have used it since November last year.

I would contest that. Passenger observations still say that Ashford entrains more passengers on its four trains per day than Ebbsfleet on its 12.

Furthermore, has the massive TV advertising campaign, two-for-the-price-of-one offers, free drive-in movies in the car park over the bank holiday and sponsorship of a local football team been to no avail?

Last year at the EU, Bob Holden of LCR insisted that

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Eurostar or its passengers?

The Minister for Transport has given as a reason for not intervening over the transfer of European services from Ashford to Ebbsfleet that such matters are commercial decisions for Eurostar.

If LCR is manipulating Eurostar to act uncommercially, is there not a case for intervention?

My great fear is that when the Hitachi comes into service, we will be forced to go up to Ebbsfleet to access our Eurostar.

This is a nonsense. People should be encouraged to come down contra peak flow to Ashford to do just that. Then at least we would all be going in the intended direction of travel.

Edith Robson
Passenger Action Group

Store's car park charge a fee too far

There is a proposal to increase parking charges at Sainsbury's car park in Deal from September 30.

The charge for one hour will rise to £1, for two hours to £2 and for three hours to £3.

Only the first hour will be reimbursed. It's not surprising that this proposal has received hardly any publicity.

The effect will be to discourage many visitors and residents from going to our smaller shops once they have done their shopping.

At a time when the economy of the town centre is increasingly fragile, this is the last thing we need.

We as a group will be promoting the Keep Trade Local campaign – it is essential to keep parking charges as reasonable as possible to keep people from doing their shopping out of town.

I hope that as many people as

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possible will make their feelings known about this increase.

Ben Banoo
Labour group leader, Dover District Council

Return our warden to his rightful place

Having heard about Robert Hughes's contract not being renewed as our local warden, we would like to point out that we felt he was absolutely brilliant in his role.

He engaged with all the children very quickly, demanding a huge amount of respect.

He is extremely well liked by parents, teachers and children at Aldington Primary School and we believe it would be a great loss for him not to continue in his role.

To gain children's respect and trust at primary level can only be beneficial to them and the community as they grow and potentially become 'troublesome' teenagers.

While his manner may have been more 'official' and 'challenging' (due to his professional background) than past wardens, there can surely be nothing wrong in trying to ensure our children grow up in a safe and law-abiding environment in which they know the difference between right and wrong.

It would be a great sadness to lose a warden of such high calibre and we write on behalf of all children, parents and friends of Aldington Primary School in asking for Mr Hughes to be reinstated by KCC as soon as possible.

Surely as a community we need to feel comfortable that we have an effective community warden in our

area, one our children can look up to and talk to and one that as adults we believe to be the best man for the job.

Sally Newall
on behalf of Aldington School PTFA

We will not get the hospital we deserve

Thank you to the people of Dover, Deal, Sandwich and surrounding areas for your support in either marching or the 30,000 signatures calling for a general hospital.

I have made many friends during this period. I am very sorry that we will not get the hospital at Whitfield, with wards and services that we need for the 21st century.

It was agreed 50 years ago this hospital should have been built on land now occupied by the offices of Dover District Council.

We lost two hospitals – the Royal Victoria in London Road in May 1992 and the eye hospital in Noah's Ark Road in April 1996.

The Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust obviously must still think we have too many services in Dover as it is closing Buckland and then building at Maison Dieu Road a budget hospital with only a few of the services we now have.

Pauline Major
New Dover Hospital Group

Condition of our roads is driving me potty

The road lines which people thought were modern art are clearly just another example of

incompetence when it comes to the Highways Agency.

It has never managed to fill in potholes in Folkestone ever since I have lived here and driven around the area.

So the fact it cannot paint a straight line is of no surprise at all.

Henry Ellison
Folkestone

Get foreign truckers off our highways

The fact that the M20 is top of the list for lorry accidents is really no surprise at all.

It is surely due to one fact alone – the amount of foreign lorries that use it. They have no idea of traffic safety and seem to think nothing of undertaking and cutting up motorists.

If police want to get the number of accidents down, the answer is simple. Get the Continental truckers off our roads

Max Smith
Folkestone

Is nothing safe from health and safety?

As usual, health and safety laws get in the way of people trying to do something constructive.

I refer to last week's story about the Dr Syn festival, where the actor portraying the role was forced to just walk. Is there anything the killjoys won't touch?

Maria Hawkes
Hythe

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Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 **1**

SNUGGLE UP

Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yrs old, enjoys films, good food, cuddles, WLTM a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654 **1**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

29yr old professional single mum, own home/car, loves socialising, bowling and cuddles, WLTM a male, 30-36, to put a smile back on my face. Box 443834 **1**

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 **1**

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

SEIZE THE DAY

Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442932 **1**

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for happy, happening - no time wasters! Box 908563 **1**

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large-build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 436102 **1**

THE SOUND OF LOVE

Divorced mum of two, 41, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, loves night out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 887484 **1**

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

Sociable female, 41, attractive & slim, looking for a honest, chilled guy who has time to spare and share! Box 887484 **1**

MAKES ME LAUGH!

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curly, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 **1**

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

Seeking male, 46, 5ft11, easygoing, happy natured, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443216 **1**

SLIM SEEKS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves classic rock and blues, country pubs.

WLTM like-minded genuine male for friendship and hopefully something more. Box 443955 **1**

SHOULD I TALK TO A RIDE?

If I'm, I'm 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM a gentleman, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, the countryside, museums, castles and perhaps love! Box 443937 **1**

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Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5ft2, eyes of red, blue hair. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTM a tall male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 **1**

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Sub, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTM a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 440100 **1**

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Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 902640 **1**

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, bubbly, bright, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys an evening out, socialising, most things. WLTM a nice male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

ENTERTAIN ME

49yo female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wine, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 **1**

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Box 435441 **1**

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Hard working, kind and caring female, young, 52, seeking a genuine man for relationship, no time wasters! Box 442468 **1**

LOVING & HAPPY GO-LUCKY

Jovial, caring female, 51, 5ft4, brown hair, blue eyes, own business, WLTM nice, tall, good looking gent for laughter, life and love. Box 326614 **1**

COMPANIONSHIP LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curry & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft17, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 436462 **1**

COULD IT BE YOU?

I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

KEEPING COMPANY TOGETHER

Young looking South African origin tall female, 45, long dark hair, seeking caring male for friendship and hopefully more! Box 444232 **1**

OH MANDY

Mandy, 38, lovely Brunette, petite & slim, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 432639 **1**

CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Lovely single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim build, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372899 **1**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy Brunette, 39yrs old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys the arts, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

NOW TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Turbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 **1**

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Nice, fun-loving single mum, 1, 32, 5ft7, brown hair, like cinema, walks, WLTM a strong male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. East Sussex. Box 40416 **1**

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH

I'm Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring woman, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar chick, so call me and let's see how it goes. Box 901072 **1**

LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE

Lively, attractive female, 32, 55", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 **1**

READY TO START AGAIN!

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LOVELY LADY...

53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music let's chat! Box 923309 **1**

DON'T BE SHY, SAY HI!

Positive, happy, young-at-heart Mum, 55, 5ft8, blonde, loves classic rock and blues, country pubs. WLTM like-minded genuine male for friendship and hopefully something more. Box 443955 **1**

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STRIKE MY HAIR

Very young looking female, 53, 5ft6, slim, hazel eyes, wicked SOH, loves the beach, sea, country, socialising, WLTM a nice, tall, good looking male for laughter and fun! Box 443648 **1**

TAKE MY HAND

Happy-go-lucky female, 59, likes to drive, the coastline, cosy nights in, good meals, WLTM caring male to have laughs with and more. Box 442226 **1**

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MAKE ME PURR

Happy-go-lucky lady with nice smile, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys dancing, walking, eating in/out, meals, seeking a male for friendship and hopefully more. Box 443648 **1**

CANDLESTICK CUDDLES!

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, sex, passion, people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in. WLTM a gay woman for friendship/relationship. Seaford. Box 894541 **1**

WORKAHOLIC SEKS COUNTRY GIRL

Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 898945 **1**

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50+, 5ft4, blonde, brown hair, enjoys good food/wine, theatre, country-side, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship. Box 441443 **1**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Self-employed carpenter/shopkeeper, 42, a Dad, single for a while and now looking for my soulmate, be nice to make some friends along the way. Box 887719 **1**

WOMEN seeking men

SEEKING WIVES

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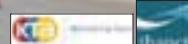
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Life is sweet in the nave

Dramatic setting for new Festival play

A HISTORIC event in theatre will be taking place at Canterbury Cathedral's Nave next week with the staging of a new play, Dallas Sweetman.

The play will make its world premiere in the stunning setting, the result of a unique collaboration and a desire to revive a cherished old tradition. Canterbury Cathedral and Canterbury Festival commissioned the piece with London-based theatre company Paines Plough, resulting in this new play by acclaimed Irish writer Sebastian Barry.

Back in the late 1920s the Friends of the Cathedral started the Canterbury Festival to host an annual series of plays by leading playwrights of the time. TS Eliot's famous Murder in the Cathedral was premiered in the Chapter House in 1935 and remains the benchmark for these productions. It is hoped that the new play for 2008 will breathe new life into that tradition, while making its own mark on 21st century theatre.

The process began when the Dean & Chapter approached the organisers of Canterbury Festival with the idea to produce a new play in 2006.

After a lot of research a partnership was formed with Paines Plough, a theatre company specialising in the commissioning and development of new writing. With the company on board, the hunt was on to find someone who could write a very special play. Organisers were looking for a story that could have relevance to the cathedral setting but also captivate a contemporary audience.

Relation

Drawing on his own ancestry for inspiration, Sebastian Barry has created a tale about love and death, desolation, jealousy and miraculous events. Dallas Sweetman is based on a distant relation of Barry's and sees the titular character arriving at Canterbury Cathedral on a pilgrimage in the early 1600s. In a time when Catholicism and Protestantism divided loyalties, Dallas pours out his tale to the audience – his 'judges' – in the hope of justifying his actions. But can his story of pirates, kidnap and

drama be believed and can he be forgiven?

Since writing the play, Barry has been short-listed for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction for his latest novel The Secret Scripture.

A series of special talks will allow audience members to gain a fascinating insight into how the production has been created. There will be a chance to hear Barry talk about his work, as well as the director, cast, music composer and designers. The talks are free for ticket holders and will mostly be held in The International Study Centre in the Cathedral Precincts. Full details are at www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.

Tickets are priced from £12 to £20 and can be booked by calling the festival box office on 01227 378188 or visiting www.canterburyfestival.co.uk. Listings for Canterbury Festival, which runs from October 11 to 25, can also be found on the website.

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Friday, September 26
Town Hall, Deal

FOLLOWING the success of Deal Festival, the team is bringing more quality acts to the town for its series of autumn concerts.

Talented pupils from the famous Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey will be displaying their extraordinary talents in the first concert next week. One of the performers will be Ben Baker (pictured), a young New Zealander who appeared as a soloist in the Cathcart Proms at the Royal Albert Hall last year. Tom Ellis became the first guitarist to join the school under a bursary scheme funded by the Rolling Stones. Ricky Gore studied piano and violin but decided to focus on the violin after winning first prize in the South Japan Piano Competition. Pianist Ayaka Shigeno has been playing with the London Mozart Players.

The programme will include Chausson's Poème Opus 25, Tchaikovsky's Valse Scherzo and Henze's Drei Tentos. Tickets cost £10 and discounts are available if booking for more than one concert. Buy tickets from The Sound House in Deal or by calling 01304 381134. For more details visit www.dealfestival.co.uk.



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Gerard Depardieu stars in the film which is being shown as part of the Interludes Stage and Screen autumn season at St Georges Parish Hall in Deal on Friday. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for children.

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Fly away with a display of historic falconry

VISITORS to Dover Castle can learn about Tudor falconry this weekend as the event has been rescheduled.

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For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle or call 0870 3331183.

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RETURN: Former Reef members have joined with Jonas Jalhay, formerly of Lady Sovereign, to form Them Is Me, who will be gigging at the Tap'n'Tin in Chatham on Saturday

Good Reef, look who's back?

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

INDIE music, as everyone knows, attained greatness in the mid-90s.

Proper bands such as Oasis, Blur, Pulp, Supergrass and their oft-forgotten contemporaries including Sleeper, Elastica, Mansun and so forth filled the charts week in and week out, leaving little room for manufactured pop rubbish.

Good times indeed.

Unfortunately, the heady days of Brit Pop are all but over, with gangsta rappers, bling-laden r'n'b stars and McFly notching up millions of downloads and ring-tones.

Mercifully, it seems comebacks are making a comeback.

The Police got back together, as did James, Smashing Pumpkins, Rage Against The

Machine and Take That (bad example, I grant you).

The latest musicians looking for a second shot of stardom are gravel-toned frontman Gary Stringer, drummer Nathan Curran and bassist Jack Bessant, who notched up seven top-20 singles with Reef between 1995 and 2003.

The trio, alongside new guitarist Jonas Jalhay, formerly of Lady Sovereign, have adopted the name Them Is Me and will be playing the Tap'n'Tin in Chatham on Saturday night.

Gary said he needed the two-year hiatus between the end of Reef and the beginning of Them Is Me.

He said: "For ten years we had the best laugh with Reef. I was 20 when I started, and the whole thing was just amazing, but the last 18 months were not so great – it was getting like real hard work."

"And I thought 'You know what, this is not what I'm in a rock and roll band for, let's walk away from this'.

"Reef had been such a democracy, so for two years I was lost with myself for company in a puff of green smoke."

"But little by little I'd find myself humming a song and before I knew it I had the dictaphone out."

Gary added that recording Them Is Me's debut album and hitting the road had been a simple process, saying: "Everything just seems to have worked out really easily and that's exactly how I remember Reef being."

"I'm so stoked to still be involved with music. It took two years of messing about to realise just how important music is to me."

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Guy Ritchie returns to the streets of London, but he needn't have bothered. RockNRolla is of fleeting style and no substance. Old school mobster and foul-mouthed bigot Lenny Cole has visions of grandeur and is keen to forge business tie with a shady Russian billionaire. Unfortunately, the investment money is part of a get rich scheme orchestrated by a sexy accountant and some petty thieves.

BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS (12A)



Bruno, the son of a Nazi concentration camp commandant, and his sister Gretel live in a mansion, but are one day suddenly moved to a place called Out-With (Auschwitz). Bruno, outraged by his father's decision to move and desperate to go home, spends his time in his room. In boredom, he wonders what is going on at Out-With and why people are always dressed in striped pyjamas there.

EDEN LAKE (18)



Jenny (Kelly Reilly) and her boyfriend Steve (Michael Fassbender) escape for a romantic weekend away. Steve, planning to propose, has found an idyllic setting: a remote lake enclosed by woodlands and seemingly deserted. But the couple's peace is shattered when a gang of obnoxious kids encircles their campsite. The romantic weekend getaway suddenly becomes the holiday from hell.

Revenge of the Seth

■ BY KATE WHITING

SETH Rogen is slowly but surely conquering Hollywood – with a little help from his friends.

The stand-up comedian turned movie star had his first lead role in last year's Knocked Up, written and directed by his mentor, Judd Apatow.

He followed that with his own film, Superbad, co-written with schoolmate Evan Goldberg. Pineapple Express, his latest collaboration with Evan and Judd, recently raked in \$40 million in its first five days at the US box office – almost twice its \$27m budget – and it looks set to do just as well over here.

Not bad for a regular-looking 26-year-old who started out telling jokes at bar mitzvahs.

"I had no money when I was younger and in high school all my friends had jobs and I had no job. I just did stand up," the fuzzy-haired actor explains in his distinctive bear-like growl.

"I started realising I had to treat this like a job, so I did a few bar mitzvahs and they paid me 150 bucks or something like that.

"I actually ran into someone recently, they came up to me and said, 'I was at a bar mitzvah that you did stand-up comedy at.' It was so embarrassing!" he chuckles.

The way Seth tells it, his teens were like something out of one of his films. At 15 he was spotted by a mohel – the man who circumcises Jewish boys – who hired him to write 'icebreaker' jokes.

"They were all like bad haircuts jokes like, 'So, a little off the top?' he sniggers.

"He wanted jokes because everyone is a little on edge, a few icebreakers, just something. But



ROGEN'S JOSH: Seth Rogen (left) with Pineapple Express co-star James Franco

you don't picture raucous laughter and penile surgery going hand-in-hand."

It's really hard to keep a

straight face around Seth, but

there is serious business at hand, even if Pineapple Express is his take on the classic stoner film genre – and a kick-ass action movie to boot.

He, Evan and Judd all sat down

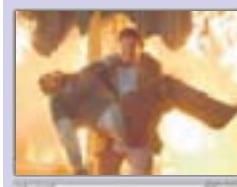
and came up with the story – drawing on cult films like Pulp Fiction – and then Evan and Seth wrote the script.

Seth plays Dale Denton, a process server (someone who serves legal documents) and self-confessed loser, who is dating a high school girl and spends all day smoking marijuana.

He has a businesslike relation-

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ship with his dealer, Saul Silver (James Franco), but the two are thrown together when Dale witnesses a drug lord and a bent cop commit a murder – and accidentally drops the butt of a rare Pineapple Express joint at the scene.

Knowing the dangerous drug lord will work out who he is, Dale and Saul go on the run – and embark on an unlikely friendship.

Emotional male bonding is a signature trait of Seth and Evan's films and something they find hilarious.

"Those are the relationships that just seem funny to us, just two guys working stuff out," Seth says, laughing again.

"Our group of friends back home was really callous, then I moved to LA and became friends with all these actors and all they want to talk about is how they feel and how hurt they are emotionally.

"We were like, 'We can't talk to these people like we talk to our normal friends, because we'll hurt their feelings,'" he laughs.

"I honestly think that was the basis for our films, hurting other guys' feelings and having to apologise to them, and our own trouble navigating that."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

- THE RESTAURANT**
BBC Two, Thursday 8pm
- WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**
BBC One, Wednesday, 9pm

■ BY TOM BETTS

"LIFE is what happens when you are making other plans," was one of John Lennon's more astute observations.

I'm not sure what the producers of the BBC's latest reality snooze-fest have been getting up to, but I'm guessing it must be a fair bit, as they clearly haven't been paying much attention to the lazy format of The Restaurant.

Teams of would-be restauranteurs sizzle and boil their way to an inevitable culinary disaster in the hope of impressing those in the know.

The prize for staying the course and avoiding (yawn) elimination?

The prospect of going into business with world-famous Raymond Blanc and earning a shed-load of dosh.

Well, at least one of those has an upside.

While a few will be asking "who will win the partnership with the top Michelin-starred chef?", you get the feeling that 99.9 per cent of the viewing public will be asking, "who friggin' cares?"

The major problem with this whole sorry affair is that it's more or less a re-hash of The Apprentice; only with food and less charming contestants.

After a balls-up of Titanic proportions at one hapless pair's eatery, one host remarked, "I don't want to argue with you, I just want to negotiate to your satisfaction," over payment for a less than perfect meal.

He was, understandably, met with a stony silence and lasting glare.

Mind you, if there's been a cheekier



KITCHEN NIGHTMARES: Chef Raymond Blanc (above) decides on who stays in The Restaurant

request on TV this year, I'll be jiggered if I've heard it.

More terrifying than the thought of paying for a meal at one of these sub-Beefeater holes is the prospect of weeks of this diabolical drivel.

It's not all bad news on the BBC though as Who Do You Think You Are? proves.

A show that rarely fails to make celebrities cry obviously has some merits.

Whether it's hard as nails TV presenter Jeremy Paxman shedding a tear at the fate of his long losts or actress Patsy Kensit shocked to find out one of her brood was a thief, this show has done for genealogy what skimpy gold hotpants did for Kylie Minogue's bottom.

As good an hour of TV as this is though, the endless shots of the featured personality staring pensively into the distance are beginning to grate, even if they have just found out their great, great granddad was a serial killer.

Mind you, if there's been a cheekier

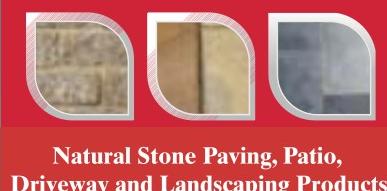
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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT may be time to put an end to a deal that has been haemorrhaging money. You've got to know when to cut your losses. A strong willed friend may try to convince you to stick with this investment, but that's because it's in their best interest to do so.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

BREAKING away from a group is painful, but necessary. Staying with the organisation is starting to drain your emotional and financial resources. Contrary to what you might think, you can make it on your own. You're a lot more imaginative than people seem to think.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AN argument could prompt you to pack up and leave, but don't be hasty. By sticking around and trying to work things out you'll salvage a good relationship. It's hard for you to take a back seat to anybody. Until you learn this valuable skill, all of your partnerships will suffer.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IT'S time to scale back your own private leisure activities and attend to other obligations. People are relying on you to help them through a difficult situation. Although you resent having to rethink your plans, you must admit that it's nice to be needed. Trust your intuition.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

STOP trying to call the shots in a relationship. If you're going to maintain an amicable partnership, you need to ease up on the control freakery. The important thing is to show you can take orders as well as give them. Don't beat yourself up about it; we all have our moments.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may be forced to make changes for the sake of work. Finding another position may not be as difficult as you think. Going back to school or getting an advanced degree could put you on a much more fulfilling career path. Luckily, you've always been a quick learner.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THIS isn't a good week to sign an agreement or enter into a partnership. You're being asked to give too many things away. Wait for better options to come along. Relatives may try to pressure you into taking the deal for security's sake, but there are more important things.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

THERE'LL be times when you can't keep your temper under wraps and confronting a manipulative relative will certainly make you feel better. Although a row will create some tense moments at home, it's better than letting the tension build and resentment set in.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

IT'S hard to follow through with a project that has caused lots of strain and pain, but do it anyway. Even limping across the finish line is better than not crossing it at all. Sure, some critics will focus on the mistakes you made, but most people will congratulate you for sticking at it.

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Bringing those fjords into focus

BY TREVOR MASON

THREADING our way through dozens of islands off the west coast of Norway, it was difficult to believe we were on a ferry from England and not some luxurious Scandinavian cruise.

On the DFDS route from Newcastle to Bergen, the voyage is very much a part of the holiday. Norway is known for its outstanding scenery – and high prices. But once visited, it draws you back again and again.

With that in mind, and for our fourth visit in 30 years, we booked a contrasting two-centre holiday, sampling first a wood cabin high in the mountains and then a city centre hotel in Bergen.

Sailing on the Queen of Scandinavia, the 26-hour journey went almost too quickly thanks to a comfy cabin, a good choice of restaurants and bars, entertainment and films.

We arrived at Bergen – Norway's second largest city with a population of just 242,000 and gateway to the fjords – feeling relaxed.

On an excellent road, we plunged into tunnel after tunnel, hewn through rough rock, and as we climbed higher into the mountains, we passed raging rivers and dozens of waterfalls, with white and red-coloured cabins clustered around lakes large and small.

After collecting our keys and bedding, we turned into a gated private road to reach at our cabin, high in the Kvamskogen mountains – an area popular with skiers in winter and



HIGH AND MIGHTY: There's no shortage of spectacular scenery on offer in Norway

walkers in summer. The cabin had every modern comfort, including satellite TV, DVD player and underfloor heating. The huge outside deck commanded dramatic views of the surrounding summits – some snow-capped even in August – and a large lake below. The peace and quiet, broken only by the occasional tinkling of bells on wandering sheep, was intense.

The nearest town, Norheimsund, had good supermarkets, and yes, we found almost everything much more expensive than in England.

After a week in the mountains it was time for the bustle of city life in Bergen. Staying at the comfortable Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, on the historic Bryggen waterfront, we were ide-

ally placed to explore its charms. We took a harbour cruise and were able to walk to many of the city's attractions, such as the aquarium and art galleries.

A cable car to the peak of Mount Ulriken – at 642 metres the highest of the seven mountains surrounding the city – offers views out to sea and inland. But on the day we went up, mist and cloud obscured most of the horizon.

We had better luck with the Fløibanen, a funicular railway which takes you from the heart of the city to the top of the 320-metre Mount Floyen, where viewing platforms give expansive views.

All too soon our holiday was over, but we still had the return journey to look forward to.

FACT FILE: NORWAY

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| Time difference | UK plus 1 hour |
| Capital | Oslo |
| Population | 4.7 million |
| Language | Norwegian |
| Climate | Temperate/arctic |
| Religion | Christian (mainly Protestant) |
| Currency | £1 = approx 10 krone |

Travel details

Trevor Mason was a guest of DFDS Seaways, which offers six-night B&B hotel stays in Norway from £436 per person, including three nights onboard in commodore class and three or four nights B&B at the Solstrand Hotel in Bergen, plus carriage of standard car. Seven-night self-catering holidays in Norway start at £1,221 for two sharing inside cabin with return ferry crossings, from £1,241 for two in outside cabin and £1,375 for two in commodore class cabin. DFDS offers log cabin stays starting at £130 per person, including two nights onboard, carriage of vehicle and four/five nights in lodge. DFDS Seaways reservations: 0871 522 9955; www.dfds.co.uk/activity/holidays.



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Nationwide is merging with smaller rivals

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The UK's largest building society will acquire its two rivals through separate transactions, in a move it says it has undertaken to ensure the viability of the mutual sector in the UK.

The decisions were described by Nationwide as "prudent and pre-emptive", following the identification of "financial issues" faced by the smaller societies.

Smaller societies have come under pressure in recent months to consolidate positions, as the liquidity crisis reduces the availability of wholesale finance.

The move is in the "best interests" of the savers and borrowers of both smaller societies, said Graham Beale, Nationwide's chief executive.

"The core member businesses of both societies are in good shape and have a better future as part of a larger organisation," he said.

Landlords can tailor interiors to tenants

THE Residential Landlords' Association is advising buy-to-let investors to check the interiors of their properties in order to ensure they can get the best deal when it comes to tenants.

RLA director Alan Ward says thought should be given to interiors to ensure the decor and fittings appeal to the kind of person the landlord is seeking to attract.

Furnished apartments are usually best for students or young singles, while couples and those looking for long-term leases are more likely to wish to put their own stamp on homes.

Young professionals sharing a house may be looking for two bathrooms.

The local market should also be researched before deciding whether to let a property fully or partly furnished.

A well presented property is easier to let and more likely to give a choice of tenants. It is important to research the chosen tenant group and review whether a property will meet expectations.

Landlords need to be increasingly aware about marketing, according to RICS, because instructions for lettings are on the rise.

Borrowers benefit as lenders start rate war



Positive news at last for hard-pressed home-buyers

MORTGAGE buyers have received a boost with lenders setting off a rate war to attract the best customers.

Of the 12 leading lenders, nine have now cut their headline interest rates on two and three-year fixed-rate deals in the last two weeks alone, according to research from MoneySupermarket.com.

Halifax – the UK's largest mortgage lender – led the way with cuts of 0.95 per cent, bringing the cost of the cheapest two-year deal down to 4.89 per cent.

■ BY NICK AMES

However, the deal comes with a maximum loan-to-value (LTV) ratio of 25 per cent and a fee of 2.5 per cent.

Lloyds TSB is also offering a rate below five per cent. Following cuts of 0.5 per cent over the last two weeks, the bank now has a deal at 4.99 per cent, with a similar LTV and fee structure to Halifax.

Cuts of 0.2 and 0.25 per cent respectively have seen Britannia and Abbey take rates on a two-year fixed-rate deal to 5.44 and 5.54 per cent. However, Abbey has a maximum LTV of

70 per cent on the cheapest deals. "We are in the midst of a mortgage crisis, yet three-quarters of the nation's biggest lenders have recently slashed rates on deals," said Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at Money Supermarket.com.

"For such a significant proportion of mortgage providers to drop their rates underlines an industry-wide recognition that rates were too high."

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£115,000

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£124,995

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This mid terrace, three storey property comprises: lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and separate WC. Double glazed, gas central heating and no chain.

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CHERITON



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- Eastcliff Location
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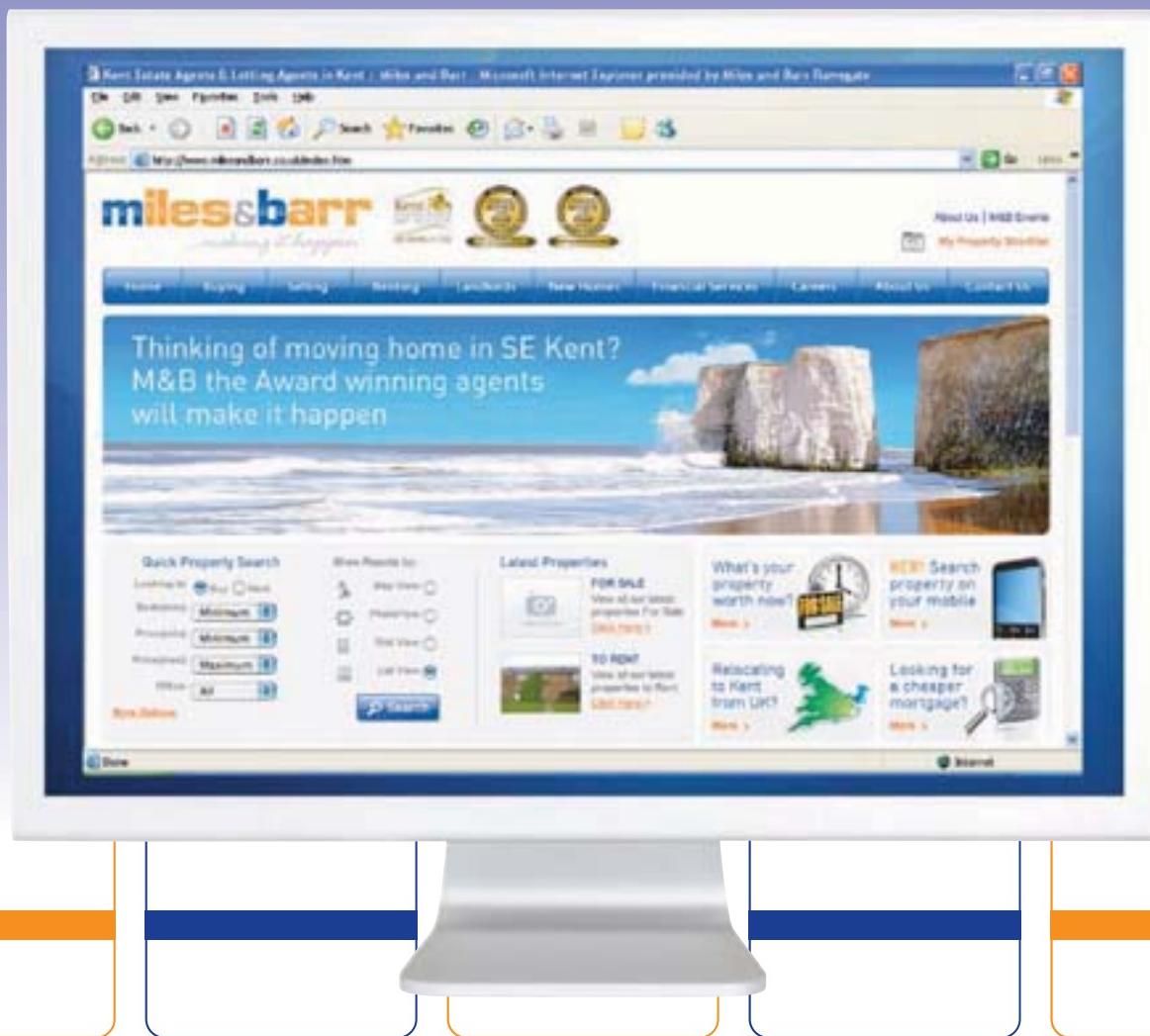
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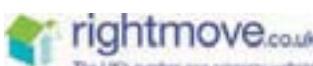
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MOTORS NEWS



Buyers keen to Czech out new Skoda Superb

SKODA aims to put 'Superb' back into its reputation. The Czech marque made its name and the original Superb models before World War Two, as pre-communist Czechoslovakia's equivalent of Rolls-Royce.

Guests at Skoda dealers' new Superb launch nights this week will find out whether such quality and style is back.

The new car (from £15,490) will be ridiculously cheap like its immediate predecessor though, for an executive class model.

As usual, Skoda's spec levels will be embarrassingly generous too.



Peugeot's new surfers' option on the Tepee

PEUGEOT has followed up the successful Partner Combi family holdall.

The Partner Tepee is based on the Peugeot 308 car rather than a van though. Costing from £11,215, it seats up to five, has sliding rear side doors and majors on storage, removable seating and versatility – there is even an optional internal roof rack designed to take surf boards.

An alternative Zenith multi-purpose roof option adds 80 litres of extra storage beneath the high roof plus four large glazed panels for extra cabin airiness.



Proton launch dual fuel saver challenge on Ford

PROTON has launched a 'same price' dual fuel 1.6-litre GEN-2 Ford Focus challenger. The 'ecoLogic' GEN-2 beats the credit crunch and high road tax and fuel costs by automatically switching from its petrol tank to run largely on cut-price LPG (liquefied petroleum gas).

LPG currently costs 58p/litre, but an aftermarket conversion costs £1,500–£2,000; the factory-fitted installation on the ecoLogic GEN-2 is available for £10,995 in hatchback or £10,795 in saloon form.



SHOWING THE WAY: BMW's 'EfficientDynamics' technology has been fitted to most of its cars and uses energy that would otherwise be lost in braking to recharge the battery

Commute for free with BMW's green machine

ROAD TEST BMW 118d

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

could actually take out a three-year PCP (Personal Contract Purchase plan) on a 118d and run it for free from congestion charge and fuel savings.

We borrowed one from Broad Oak BMW of Ashford and Canterbury, which confirms a hefty take-up for the greener 1-Series. An all-white paint job made it hard to dish the dirt on our eco-paragon, three-door hatch sample, other than to remind myself that I still don't like the styling. However, the car feels well constructed and, of course, handles beautifully in the 'BeeEm' tradition thanks to its front engine/rear drive balance.

Liberated by EfficientDynamics, the 2.0-litre engine – the nomenclature suggests 1.8, but it is actually 1,995cc – has punch if you want to drive it hard. That electric steering is also precise with good feedback, unlike some.

On the other hand, the engine and smooth six-speed 'box allow quiet and frugal cruising.

The rear is not the most spacious and access could be better, even in the five-door. Run-flat tyres also dictate an unforgiving ride, though losing the spare saves weight and returns space lost to the car's rear transmission.

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TOYOTA YARIS



TOYOTA'S original mould-breaking supermini (pictured) was replaced in 2006, but the second generation car has built upon its reputation for space within eye-catching yet compact dimensions; a Yaris of any age makes a decent used buy. The original also spawned the hugely versatile Verso estate-cum-MPV. The Yaris driving experience is classy too, but the years are becoming less kind to the interior design and visual quality of the original car.

STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the Micra has blown that myth apart. This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style in order to be space-efficient and you don't have to carry a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with some stylish trim in the dearer versions.

STAR QUALITY

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STAR QUALITY

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The Royal School of Military Engineering (Chatham) Faculty Managers

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The Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) trains in excess of 8,000 soldiers per year in construction and engineering skills. Currently we are looking for a number of Faculty Managers to lead successful teams of instructors in the following areas:

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- **Electrical Faculty** – includes responsibility for all electrical courses
- **Engineering Services Faculty** – includes responsibility for all heating and plumbing, air conditioning and refrigeration and fabrication courses

These are key appointments reporting directly to the Head of Division and the successful candidates will need to demonstrate the ability to manage multidisciplinary instructional teams to achieve high quality teaching and high pass rates in all course programmes within their faculty. For the Construction and Engineering Faculty Managers posts you will be a qualified and experienced engineer or tradesperson preferably with an education or training background, although this is not essential.

For an application form and job description please: Visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk
 Email: rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk
 Telephone 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine)
 Personnel Director Iain Donaldson on 01634 884422
 Personnel Officer, Marie Cook on 01634 884736

Closing Date 26th September 2008 Interviews will take place in week commencing 29th September 2008



Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunity employer



The College is committed to Equal Opportunities and to selection on merit. It welcomes applications from all sections of society. We particularly welcome and encourage applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.



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Applicants are therefore required to train now - no previous surveying experience is required - at our London, Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester training centres which are approved by the Government-appointed Awarding Body for the Built Environment. The subsidised training is taken in separately bookable 1-week modules usually around current commitments and you qualify as a multi-skilled Domestic and Commercial Energy Assessor, Flood Risk Assessor and Home Inspector.

Homes now being sold already require Assessments with average fees of £70 being paid to our Assessors - fees for the 1.8m rented homes from October are expected to be similar. Fees for currently optional Home Inspections average £250 - commercial Assessments are expected to be higher. Up to 15 domestic Assessments or 6 commercial Assessments or Home Inspections are estimated to be carried out in a week, subject to size of properties and supply. As well as thousands of Assessors carrying out Energy Assessments, 7500 Home Inspectors will be needed upon Government making Home Inspections compulsory - less than a thousand are currently certified.

Regardless of the 'credit crunch' these new 'green' laws and 3 million Assessments are creating a rapidly expanding new industry which you could join, subject to interview and Aptitude test. So apply now for subsidised training and to start a new career carrying out this environmentally important work with potential multiple income stream opportunities.



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Ref: HKO38E

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

We currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors at our School to work for 1½ hours per day - 5 days a week. We are looking for people to join our busy team which involves our exciting lunchtime "Active Play" project. If you feel that this could be you, please contact the school for further information, and to arrange an appointment to visit the school. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 1st October 2008.

Headteacher: Mrs. P. Parnell, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, St. John's Road, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4BE. Tel: 266578
Email: headteacher@st-augustines-hythe.kent.sch.uk



HMT Care is dedicated to the care of people diagnosed within the spectrum of neuro-disability, particularly HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE. We provide an holistic and person-centred approach to care and require dedicated and committed staff to work with us.

Duties will include personal care and day-to-day assistance and support of residents.

A competitive salary, promotion prospects, accredited specialist training, together with NVQ opportunities, is our commitment to you.

Previous experience and qualifications are an advantage, but are not essential. Starting salary £6.24-£6.86 p.h

Part-time and full-time hours are available. Also part-time Nights.

To request an application form and information please call Nana or Paul on 01227 742992 weekdays between 10am and 4pm

Tel No: 01227 742992

Fax No. 01227 743265

Cedar House, Barham, Nr. Canterbury

Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour.

SUPPORT WORKERS

From £8.07 per hour – average 37.5 hours per week on shift basis (incorporating weekends & nights)

You will provide the highest standard of care for each patient assisting them in ensuring their daily needs are met. You will be actively involved in encouraging and supporting patients with daily activities, educational programmes, behavioural support programmes and leisure activities. Ideally, candidates will possess an NVQ Level 2 (Health & Social Care) qualification or equivalent along with previous experience working in a similar role, or within a healthcare/learning disabilities environment. However we are also keen to hear from any candidates who feel that through life experience, can offer excellent care and support to our patients.

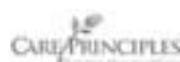
In return we offer a variety of benefits including competitive hourly rates, Pension, full induction programme, training and development opportunities and Life Assurance.

If you wish to be considered for this role, please contact our Reception on (01227) 833700 to request an application form or alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com. Please quote reference number CEDAR/SW/A08.

Closing date: 28th September 2008.

Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.

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Team Leader Vacancy

Team Leader for Mathematics
Salary Leadership Scale L13 – L14

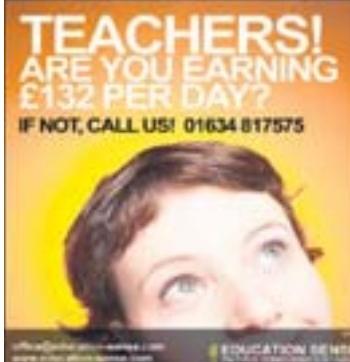
Now in its fourth year, Kent's first Academy continues to challenge traditional approaches and to drive up standards – over twenty students have now gone on to university and last year's 5A*-C GCSE figure topped 50%. Real progress has been made with the 2011 National Challenge, but we believe that the creation of this Leadership Team post is crucial to our continued success.

- The successful candidate will at least have:
- relevant middle leader experience;
 - a background in Mathematics;
 - energy, drive, commitment and ambition;
 - and excellent communication skills.

Jenny Spooner, our Personnel Manager, is administering the appointment process. Please email her for details at Jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk, as well as the chance to tour the Academy with our Principal, Ian Johnson.

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SOCIAL WORK

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

£31,040 pa – 37.5 hours per week

The post holder will provide a comprehensive social work service to the patient group, including pre-admission assessments, treatment plans, discharge arrangements, social work reports and attending internal and external meetings as appropriate. You will actively promote and enhance social work practices to the highest standard and provide social work advice based on sound evidence and best practice to members of the multi-disciplinary and senior management team.

You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input.

You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role.

EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TUTORS – COMMUNICATION, DAILY LIVING SKILLS & SPORTS/FITNESS

£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week (3 posts)

You will assess patient skills in your identified activity area, plan activities according to individual needs, produce individual learning plans and facilitate learner involvement setting positive, achievable targets in line with service guidelines. You will maintain daily records and submit detailed written reports on patient progress for reviews and assessment meetings.

You will have previous experience of planning, delivering and evaluating activities and supporting adults within your identified activity area in a healthcare/learning disability environment. You will possess highly developed organisational skills, be able to manage own workload accordingly and possess a full UK Driving Licence and be willing to drive Company vehicles. An initial teaching qualification (C&G, 7303 PTLLS or equivalent) and activity area related qualification is desirable.

TEACHER – BASIC SKILLS

£21,805 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will design and deliver individually tailored educational programmes to meet patient needs, carry out assessments, produce individual learning plans and, mentor and develop members of the Education, Rehabilitation and Skills Development Department. You will facilitate learner involvement, oversee the regular review of patient goals and take a lead role in an agreed area of development/responsibility.

You will hold a teaching qualification (Cert.Ed., B.Ed, PGCE or recognised equivalent), possess comprehensive experience of planning and delivering educational sessions and have previous supervisory experience. You will be able to effectively organise and manage your own workload, be an excellent communicator and be able to develop and maintain positive working relationships with patients, colleagues and external agencies.

PATIENT ACTIVITY TIMETABLE CO-ORDINATOR

£17,010 pa – 22.5 hours per week (to be worked across 5 days)

You will be responsible for producing weekly timetables, to include activity sessions, staff allocation and resource availability. You will produce accessible information for patients relating to individual activities and provide administrative support to the Department, including producing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

You will possess highly developed organisational and communication skills, and have a working knowledge of MS Office Suite. You should have experience of preparing materials to tight deadlines with a high standard of accuracy and presentation and the ability to manage time effectively, work methodically and maintain positive relationships with patients and colleagues.

In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support.

If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception on (01227) 833700 for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com.

Closing date: 28th September 2008.

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ADMINISTRATION

ROTA & KPI CO-ORDINATOR

£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs.

You will possess previous experience of rostering (both creation and management) and experience in dealing with and analysing statistical and financial information. You will have excellent communication and IT skills, be able to work independently and as a part of a team and be able to work to deadlines in a pressurised environment.

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Supply Lecturers

Post Ref: Supply

Various hours are available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata pa

If you are a newly-qualified teacher, or an experienced specialist interested in a second career in Further Education, we are keen to hear from you.

This is an exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience in the Further Education sector, supply lecturing offers the possibility of part-time hours fitted around your existing commitments, and according to your own specialist skills, qualifications and experience. A teaching qualification is not always essential, however if you do not hold one then we will provide the appropriate training when you join our team.

We offer a wide range of both vocational and academic courses - to find out whether your skills match any of those on offer, further details can be found at www.cant-col.ac.uk.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 29th September 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Close to City Centre
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Thanet Children's Participation Project

Hythe and Ashford Saturday Club

Thanet Children's Participation Project works with children and young people to enable them to engage in positive activities, contributing to their communities and making their voices and opinions heard.

Having successfully established activity clubs for children with disabilities in both Hythe and Ashford, we are now seeking to appoint an additional number of fun-loving, creative, caring and approachable Support Workers for our Saturday Clubs. As a sessional worker your focus will be to provide support and positive play and leisure experiences for children and young people with disabilities, in a scheme that will run on two Saturdays per month in each area.

You will need to have some previous experience of working with children and young people with disabilities, a sound knowledge and understanding of the issues facing disabled children and young people, and the ability to engage with children using participative methods in an informal setting. You will be educated to GCSE standard (or equivalent). Reliability and punctuality are a critical element of this role.

Hours for these posts will be variable, though as an indication for candidates sessions usually run for five-six hours per Saturday. There may be a possibility for staff to work additional hours at either scheme during school holidays; however this aspect cannot be guaranteed. All appointments are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

For an informal discussion about the role please contact the project team by telephone on 01843 596659.

As well as a strong commitment to your development, we offer generous holidays, contributory stakeholder pension, childcare vouchers and flexible working.

To apply, please visit www.playyourpart.co.uk in the first instance, or call us on 0121 362 8633 quoting reference number So1266/KS. Applications must be received by Thursday 18 September, and interviews will take place on 26 September.

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We currently have the following opportunities:

New Start Manager

Ashford

37 hours per week

T1361

The purpose of the job is to manage the New Start centres and teams to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme for the students. You will hold responsibility for all operational aspects of the New Start programme in line with the Directorate's operational plan and assist the Learning Manager in the management of the centre.

Lecturer - Hairdressing

Ashford

37 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31/10/09)

T1360

Main responsibilities will include delivering City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Level 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+. You will deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions and mark and prepare learners for assessments, projects, assignments, written and oral tests.

Administrative Assistant - Enterprise & Business

Ashford

26 hours per week

S2159

You will support operations dealing with employer enquiries accessing Training 4 Business and the KCC contract. Duties will include providing support with word processing, use of spreadsheets, photocopying, faxing, filing, answering phones, maintaining diaries, booking and arranging meetings and taking minutes.

Learning Support Assistant

Folkestone

25 hours per week

S2160

You will assist identified students to participate fully in the learning experiences available to them through their course of study, ensuring they benefit fully as well as assisting them with specific aspects of the learning experience. You will also assist with reading, writing or verbal communication as well as Basic Skills as appropriate.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm, Tuesday 30th September 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.
 We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment.
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Closing date: 3 October 2008.

saga.co.uk

VENUE STAFF



The Centre Spot is an exciting new state of the art venue located in the grounds of Dover Athletic F.C.'s Perrys Crabble Stadium, in Dover.

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Bar Staff • Kitchen Staff • Glass Collectors • Cleaner

Please send your C.V. to Andrea Milner - The Centre Spot, Dover Athletic Football Club, Lewisham Road, Dover, Kent, CT17 0JB or E-mail: andrea.milner@thecentrespot.net



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Director of Learning for Mathematics

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Following the promotion of the previous post holder to a senior management position, we will be appointing his permanent replacement from 1st January 2009.

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and talented colleague to join our Team. Building upon the success of the Montgomery School during its final years, Spires had a very good first year. Year 7 numbers have doubled, GCSE results with English and Maths shot up from 18% to 32%, and there is a real sense of optimism in our community, a 'can do' mentality.

Maths results last year were the best of the core subjects, testimony to the quality of teaching and organisation of the curriculum. There is, however, real potential for improvement as well as the opportunity to teach at Sixth Form level through our link with the Marlowe Academy.

Potential candidates are encouraged to visit the school as part of the application process.

Please email our Personnel Manager, Marion Wigington, on m.wigington@spiresacademy.com for further details of how to apply.

Closing date: 10.00am on Friday 10th October
Interviews scheduled for the following week.

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Treasure Chest Resource Centre Regional Driver/Co-ordinator

Starting salary £16,627, with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 per annum

We wish to appoint a driver/co-ordinator to work within the team, who will be responsible for:

- Maintaining and developing links with providers of Foundation Stage learning, Children's Centres and Out of School providers across the West Kent region.
- Promoting Treasure Chest loans to increase membership take up.
- Updating records and providing advice on stock selection.
- Delivering and collecting resources, (a vehicle is provided and the post holder will need to have a full, clean driving licence and be able to undertake the necessary manual lifting and handling).
- Ensuring the vehicle is cleaned regularly and maintenance checks are undertaken.

This is an exciting role and we offer opportunities for training and career progression.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: CFE/08/0442

Treasure Chest Resource Centre Support Officer

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

Following the promotion of the current post holder, Treasure Chest is looking to appoint a Support Officer to help co-ordinate the smooth administration of the resource centre.

Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Maintaining records of equipment delivered in and out and ordering stationery and stock for the service.
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing correspondence by preparing and typing letters, memoranda, reports for managerial meetings and collating or originating material for other documents, as required.
- Monitoring and maintaining the Treasure Chest memberships database, assisting in promoting the service and providing reports as appropriate.

Training will be provided and the post offers good opportunities for career progression. Ref: CFE/08/0443

Treasure Chest Resource Centre Assistant

Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

We are looking to appoint a new post holder to help with the day to day running of the centre. Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Carrying out routine tasks and general office duties including dealing with queries and taking orders over the telephone, by fax and by e-mail and assisting with maintaining the database of orders.
- Collecting and collating ordered stock ready for loading on the delivery vehicles.
- Assisting with checking returned goods and ensuring the centre and the stock is kept clean and minor repairs are undertaken.

This is a very friendly team and training is offered.

Ref: CFE/08/0444

For an informal discussion about the Treasure Chest posts, please contact Tammy Winstone on 01304 849043.

Closing date: Midday, 18th September 2008.

Interview date: w/c 6th October 2008.

To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904.
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Closing date: Midday, 23rd September 2008.

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NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Nurses with minor illness/injury experience are required to work alongside our GP workforce at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford for daytime and out-of-hours shifts as part of our A&E Front Ending Project.

We also require experienced minor illness nurses to work within our Out of Hours clinical bases within East Kent including Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey. Nurses will provide assessment and treatment for patients with urgent care needs, supported by PGDs and prescribing skills where appropriate.

NURSE ADVISORS

Telephone Nurse Advisors are the first point of clinical contact for patients and we are currently recruiting for our Ashford Call Centre. Using clinical knowledge and skills alongside triage protocols you will decide the most appropriate pathway of care for patients and their symptoms.

STAN (SINGLE TELEPHONE ACCESS NUMBER)

The STAN service has been commissioned by PCT's and is staffed by a team of experienced nurses and skilled support staff. We require nurses to join our team working between 8am and 8pm at our Ashford Call Centre to help plan patient care alongside GP's ensuring appropriate transfers of care for patients.

For an application pack or an informal discussion with the locality manager please contact Caroline Weetch, HR Assistant on 01732 376092 or e-mail caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk

Closing date for receipt of application: 10th October 2008

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Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications will be an advantage. Ideally we are looking for someone with the confidence following training where appropriate to use a number of different software packages.

For an application form and job description please apply via e-mail to the Partnership Development Manager, Ms Hilary Farmilo, hilary@epdm@yahoo.co.uk

Closing date Wednesday 17th September 2008



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Mollie Cooper at Invicta Motors
 Sturry Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1DR
 or email Mollie.Cooper@Invictamotors.com

Closing Date 19th September 2008.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Proper equipment essential at height

THE Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is urging companies to provide full safety equipment to employees working at height, following the prosecution of a Hampshire company last week.

Profile Construction and Interiors pleaded guilty at Basingstoke magistrates' court and was fined £234, plus £200 costs and a victim surcharge of £15, for breaching regulation 9(2) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

It comes after an incident last August when an employee fell three and a half metres through a fragile roof and suffered a broken collarbone, fractured ribs and a fractured skull in three places.

He was standing on two crawling boards Profile Construction and Interiors had provided.

However, the boards were an insufficient platform to work on, and no coverings or guard-rails had been provided.

Two autumn talks

THE Kent branch of the Chartered Institute of Marketing is hosting two evening events this autumn.

The first is on Wednesday, October 8, at the Ramada Hotel Resort in Maidstone. The Kent annual marketing lecture, On a Wing and Prayer, will be delivered by Tony Anderson, former marketing director of EasyJet.

Then, at Kings Hill on Wednesday, November 12, CIM Kent branch president Dr Paul Fifield will talk on Marketing in a Recession.

Both lectures are open to all businesses and interested people. To book, visit www.cimkent.co.uk.

Chapel Down dinner

THE newly-opened restaurant run by celebrity TV chef Richard Phillips at Chapel Down vineyard is hosting an evening for county businesspeople to celebrate the best of English food and wine. As grapes at the Tenterden vineyard near harvest time, guests will tour vineyards and the winery, followed by wine tasting and dinner.

The event on Thursday, September 25, has been organised by the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.

Tickets are £45 for IoD members, £55 for non-members, plus VAT. Contact iod.kent@iod.com or call 01732 849570.

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The Institute of Directors talks business strategies. Search leadership

ADD to the pressures of modern office life

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT'S spreading from the blackboard jungle to the e-mail jungle – Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) has migrated from the classroom to the office.

Office workers may not have heard of it but, according to Officebroker.com, which claims to work with 98 per cent of the UK's serviced office space providers and landlords, it's "one of the most alarming threats to productivity modern businesses face".

And it warns Kent firms it could well be here to stay, so has joined forces with leading stress consultant Ros Coleman to investigate if office ADD is unavoidable or if it can be sorted out by taking correct measures.

Office ADD was coined last year by American psychiatrist Dr Ned Hallowell, who noticed office workers with ADD symptoms – it's a neuro-behavioural condition, well known to teachers, which usually develops in childhood and is prevalent in one to three per cent of the world's population.

Symptoms include a poor eye for detail, forgetfulness, short attention span, listening problems, an inability to follow simple instructions, poor organisational skills, avoidance of tasks involving mental effort and the loss of important information.

Breaking point

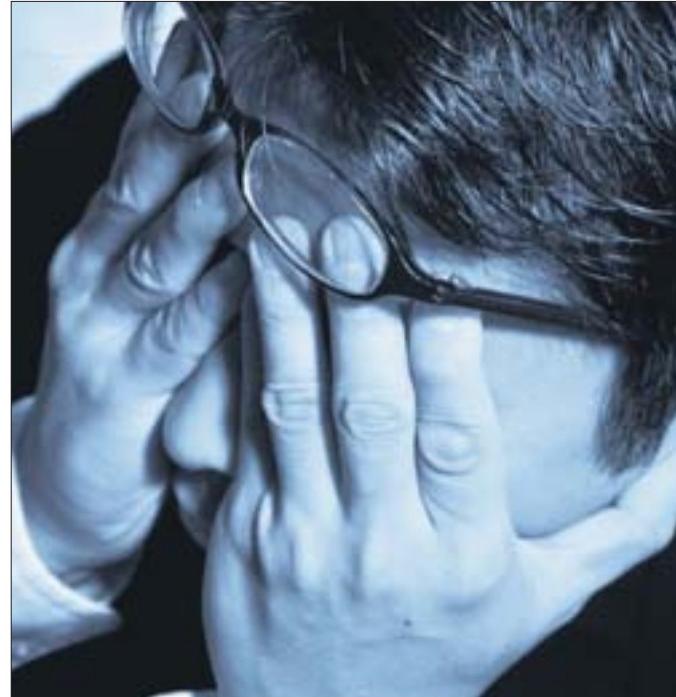
Officebroker.com managing director Jim Venables said: "Everyone has a breaking point when put under a lot of stress. When this point is crossed we break down and our attention diminishes."

"The good news is that there are measures businesses can take to help employees regain control of their lives and manage their workloads."

Ms Coleman, a member and former vice-chairwoman of the International Stress Management Association (UK), said: "Office ADD appearing more prevalent today could be because of the incredible advances in technology we have had to adapt to."

"On the up side, it is fantastic that we now have access to virtually any information immediately. On the down side, employers expect information immediately, often to unrealistic deadlines."

"As the pressure increases, the effect it is having on individuals is taking its toll. In the UK, one in six people report their jobs to be either very or extremely stressful and work-related stress accounts for one-third of all new incidents of ill-health."



HIDDEN DANGER: Office ADD could be a sign of extreme stress or impending burnout

"This includes mild to severe mental and physical health problems, emotional exhaustion and burnout."

"This cause-and-effect situation is what psychiatrists in the United States are now labelling Office ADD. Governments and employers should be taking it very seriously."

She advises office staff to: prioritise daily workloads; set aside time to go through e-mails each day; respond to new e-mails immediately; if your body is telling you to stop don't ignore it; take regular breaks,

leave your desk and drink plenty of fluids, and most important of all, communicate with your boss and with your colleagues.

Mr Venables added: "Communication is the key to overcoming this problem. It is important for organisations to look for symptoms of Office ADD among their employees."

"At least if you know the problem you can offer to help. We are all human and there should be no shame for individuals to admit they are struggling. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

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Sad Spitfires blow it again at the final hurdle



CAPTAIN'S INNINGS: Rob Key's 120 not out wasn't enough to stop Essex Eagles beating Kent to the Pro40 Division Two title

Third defeat on trot for struggling Town

DEAL Town fell to their third defeat of the new Kent League season at the hands of Sevenoaks Town on Saturday.

Marlon Button's 58th minute goal proved to be the difference between the two teams as Derek Hares' side slumped to a 3-2 defeat.

Sevenoaks opened the scoring through Andy Constable but a penalty from Deal's Dave Bathgate and a goal from Marc Pollard gave Deal the lead at half-time.

Constable's second of the match shortly after the break followed by Button's strike proved pivotal as Sevenoaks took the three points.

Deal are back in Kent League action tonight against Herne Bay.

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Mark Stimson reveals his plans to sign a striker during the loan window

Dominant Lions are back in the hunt

DEAL & Bettleshanger started the new London South East 3 season with a 12-8 win against last season's play-off losers Purley John Fisher.

The Lions put their poor pre-season form of two consecutive defeats behind them for Saturday's clash and took all two points in a dominant display.

The Lions will look to continue their form when they take on Warrington at home on Saturday.

In London South East 4, Folkestone got the season off to a great start, beating East Grinstead 27-8. Drew Woolford, Ben Brooks, Jon Morton and Trevor Squire scored the tries for Folkestone.



GRANT Flower once again proved the scourge of Kent as the Zimbabwean hit an unbeaten 68 to deny the Spitfires promotion in Division Two of the Pro40, writes **Glenn Pearson**.

After helping Essex to a five-wicket win against Kent in the Friends Provident Trophy at Lord's last month, Flower once again proved the difference to help his side win the crucial Pro40 promotion decider by four wickets.

The defeat ensured Essex finished the season as champions of Division Two, while the Spitfires missed out on promotion, finishing fourth, and caps off a frustrating one-day season in which they lost in both the final of the FPT and Twenty20.

The Spitfires scored a competitive 246-5 thanks to a superb innings from skipper Rob

CRICKET

Key. The Kent captain carried his bat for an excellent unbeaten 120, which came from 117 balls and included 15 fours and one towering six.

He put on a partnership of 112 with South African Martin van Jaarsveld, who was controversially run out for 60 when it looked he was on for a big score.

Overseas all-rounder Yasir Arafat struck with the first ball of the Essex innings, bowling Eagles captain Mark Pettini with a beauty that shaped away and pegged back his off stump.

From there on there was little for Spitfires fans to cheer as Jason Gallian (51) and Ravi Popala (59) shared a stand of 113 to put

their side back in charge. However, Darren Stevens, not for the first time this season, broke the partnership by taking both wickets.

It brought Flower to the crease and the Zimbabwean veteran played the perfect innings to see his side over the line. Kent's bowlers, who were below par, found him difficult to bowl to and he eventually steered his side over the line with an over to spare.

Key said after the game: "It's a shame because I felt that was a decent score, but we probably weren't at our best."

"It's been the bridesmaid season, but I don't think we should accept that. We have been in effectively three finals."

"It's things like that [losing in finals] that you need to get off your back. You need to start winning stuff so next time you come around to it you're not thinking about it."



CUP DREAMS: New Dover striker Giuliano Grazioli almost got on the score sheet in his first appearance for Andy Hessenthaler's side, but the effort was ruled out by the referee

Hess sent to the stands in ill-tempered FA Cup clash

FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Tonbridge Angels 1 Dover Athletic 2

The second half saw Dover press for a second goal and Jeralh Hughes and Grazioli both joined the fray.

Ultimately, the winner came on 65 minutes as Lee Browning picked out the unmarked Welford with a cross and the striker nodded the ball into the net.

The final ten minutes saw both Tonbridge and Dover put the ball into the net through Rook and Grazioli, but the goals were ruled out by the referee for off-side.

Hessenthaler was delighted with the victory but is hoping his side can reach the first round proper for the first time.

He said: "We went out very early last year which was disappointing so we are

definitely looking to longer run this season.

"It would be fantastic to have a good cup run. It would bring a lot of financial awards and it would increase our publicity and with the support we already get in Dover that would be brilliant."

"There are a lot of good teams in Kent and maybe it is time one made it to the first-round proper."

After adding to his strike-force with Grazioli, Hessenthaler is not looking to show anyone the door, but admits it will be hard to satisfy all of his players.

He said: "Competition has certainly increased for places up front and it is going to be hard work for Bailey, Collin and Welford to nail down a permanent place in the side."

"With the chances that we have been creating recently, Giuliano will certainly be on the score sheet. I think he could be the missing link we have been looking for."

"I have no pressure from the chairman to get rid of any players and it will be hard to keep everybody happy, but that is a problem I will have to deal with. That is football I am afraid."



MATCH WINNER: Jimmy Dryden's (in red) tenth goal since returning to Folkestone helped his side reach the second qualifying round of the FA Cup

Picture LAWRENCE ARNOLD



IMPRESSIVE: Dover ran in four tries in their first game in London 2 South

Dover kick-off season in style

Beckenham 7 Dover 29

TWO tries from winger Ricky Mackintosh helped Dover begin life in London 2 South with a convincing victory.

Beckenham could not handle the pace of Dover's running rugby, which warranted four tries in an impressive display from the newly-promoted side.

With nine minutes on the clock, Dover blitzed the Beckenham defence to score two tries. First Martyn Beaumont went over in the corner after several phases of play and added the extras.

The second saw the backs show their class as Jon Foster's inside pass found Mackintosh, who used his pace to dash over the try line. Once again Beaumont added the extras.

Dover's intensity dropped shortly before the break and allowed Beckenham to surge forward, but solid tackling from Jamie Townley and Gus Surrendorff denied them.

The visitors continued to push forward and scored their third try just shy of the hour mark. The Beckenham inside centre was caught in possession and Beaumont latched on to the loose ball and ran in a try.

Two sin bins saw Dover down to 13 players as Foster and Danny Robinson were both penalised for infringements. Beckenham were unable to make their man advantage pay and failed to score.

With the points wrapped up, Dover went on to score a fourth try and it was to be the score of the game.

Beaumont's cross-field kick found Mackintosh who composed himself and sprinted to the line, a move similar to England's Charlie Hodgson and Mark Cueto.

Dover should feel satisfied with this result and senior coach Graham Tonks was upbeat about the months ahead.

He said: "This was by no means an easy start for us but we applied the early pressure, took the points and dug deep. Our defence and commitment was first class and this game will give us the confidence to move forward. All of my players performed today which was more than satisfying".

Dover host Old Colfeians on Saturday for their first home match of the season.

Dryden on target to put Invicta through in cup

FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Folkestone Invicta 1
Ramsgate 0

A LATE Jimmy Dryden strike booked Folkestone Invicta's place in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup by dispatching Ryman Premier League side Ramsgate.

Neil Cugley's side should have wrapped the tie up earlier but the pivotal moment of the match came in the 88th minute. Dryden capitalised on a poor back pass from Dan Tanner and calmly slotted past Ramsgate goalkeeper Jack Delo.

Cugley's side have just one defeat to their name this season and was delighted to get a win against Kent rivals Ramsgate.

Cugley said: "It was a great result but in all honesty we should have wrapped it up earlier in the match but in the end Dryden took his goal well. It was very pleasing to beat a side

from a league above and especially Ramsgate, as we have had a poor record against them."

Match-winner Dryden has netted ten times since returning to Invicta after spending last season at Dover Athletic. However, Cugley believes there is more to come from the forward.

He said: "To be honest, Dryden has not really got going yet and we have not seen the best from him, but I am sure it will not take him

long to find his touch again and he'll be scoring even more goals."

A return to the Ryman Premier League is the target for Invicta this season after suffering final day relegation heartache last season.

Lying third in Ryman Division One South after six games, Cugley feels his side should at least make the play-offs come the end of the season.

He added: "We have made a good start to the season but there is more to come from my players as we have Craig Wilkins, Jimmy Corbett and Lee Spiller to come back from injury.

"If we can keep this kind of form going, there is no reason why we cannot challenge for promotion."

Invicta will return to Ryman Division One South action against Burgess Hill Town at home on Saturday.

Hythe fail to capitalise against ten-man VCD

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 0
VCD Athletic 0

HYNTHY Town were forced into a FA Cup first qualifying round replay last night as they failed to break down the ten men of VCD at the Reachfields on Saturday.

Paul Fisk's side were without last season's golden boot winner Buster Smissen and they missed him as they could not breach VCD's defence after they were reduced to ten men. Chances were few and far between, as both sides played out a goalless draw.

However, after an unbeaten start to their Kent League campaign, Fisk is determined to keep the wins coming.

He said: "It is a good start to the season. Last year we had a good result in midweek and

then went and lost 1-0 to Slade Green. We are all aware of that and every time we play a game we are trying to put that right. It is our intention to get promotion but whether we do it or can do it, we will have to find out.

"It has been a good start and we are just trying to keep it going and not worry about where we finish until later on.

"The start is as good as I could have hoped for. The result at VCD [in the league] was another good one so I am pleased really.

"Up to the last ten games we were up there last year so we know what we need to do. We just need to keep our heads down and concentrate on the job and not worry about other people."

• *Hythe played their FA Cup first qualifying round replay with VCD last night, for a full report log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk.*



INJURED: Hythe had to do without star striker Buster Smissen for the game with VCD at the weekend

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SEEDA, delivery boards, contractors, architects, developers, planners, suppliers, utilities and training providers are among the many exhibiting and visiting the show. Invitations have been sent to key decision-makers in the industry and to Ministers and local MPs.

A comprehensive conference programme will be held throughout the day; In the main exhibition area, modern building techniques will be demonstrated including the application of clay block and engineered flooring systems by Natural Building Technology and Total Floor Solutions. Other interactive demonstrations featuring brickwork, carpentry, painting and decorating, and roofing will be on hand.

Denne Construction will host its own mini-expo, aimed at schools, in a marquee next to the main exhibition area.

The show promises to be a valuable and vibrant day, concluding with a champagne reception and guided tour of the Rochester Riverside development on board the refurbished paddle steamer, Kingswear Castle.

Entry to Construction Expo 2008 is free to visitors who will have the opportunity to:

- View a wide range of solutions and services on offer from leading suppliers
- Receive expert advice from industry experts
- Attend a comprehensive Conference Programme – covering key issues within the industry
- Network with key players
- Visit the Mini Expo, showcasing work from schools in Kent and Medway

Dining and Refreshments

Hot and cold food available all day

**Construction Expo is on
Wednesday 24th September 2008
at Chatham Historic Dockyard.**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

| Start | Speaker | Subject | Start Speaker | Subject |
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| |  | Glenys Gilbert-Collins Project Director North Kent Construction Skills Glenys will be your host for the day | | |
| 9.00am | Councillor Jane Chitty Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth for Medway Council  | Introduction Jane will be opening and welcoming delegates and exhibitors at this year's Construction Expo. | 11.05am |  Stephen Stone Chief Executive, Crest Nicholson |
| 9.15am | David Liston-Jones Chief Executive of the Thames Gateway Kent Partnership  | Outline of presentation to Construction Expo 24 September 2008 David Liston-Jones's presentation will set the context for the day's discussions. He will describe the development of the Thames Gateway programme, and the particular issues and challenges we face in the Kent part of the Gateway. He will explain how the authorities and partnerships in North Kent are working together to tackle those issues, and highlight some examples of the real and significant progress that has already been made. Whilst we are currently operating in a challenging economic climate, the Thames Gateway is a long-term initiative and David will talk about the exciting plans for the future of the area. | 11.30am |  Pooran Desai OBE Sustainability Director BioRegional Quintain and One Planet Living |
| 9.45am | Wayne Hemingway MBE Designer and Business leader  | The Bridge Wayne has been working with Taylor Wimpey and Broadway Malyan on the masterplan for one of the first Thames Gateway schemes in Dartford, The Bridge. He is therefore no stranger to the wider Thames Gateway issues surrounding social housing, space, design, jobs and skills. In his presentation Wayne will outline his vision and what opportunities are to be had at both the good and the challenging times. Wayne will welcome questions from the floor after his presentation. Wayne is also going to be one of our judges throughout the day at the mini expo for schools sponsored by Denne Construction. | 12.10pm |  Rob Thompson Legal Executive Brachers Solicitors |
| 10.15am | Alan Cherry Chairman of Countryside Properties  | The Future – A developers' perspective What's happening in Kent and Medway? What shape and form will it take and how is the industry responding to the changes? With the demand for sustainable communities, more social housing and so on, how should the industry respond to these demands? Alan Cherry brings a wealth of experience to this Expo conference and will explore these issues with his audience. | 12.45pm |  John Winson Site Facilities and Business Development Manager for Select Plant Hire Lang O'Rourke group |
| 10.40am | Pete Halsall Managing Director of BioRegional Quintain  | Building techniques and skills So how will Rochester Riverside be built? Pete will give a clear outline exploring examples of the new building techniques and skills sets to be adopted at Rochester Riverside and where they have been used in other parts of the South East. He will also explore the opportunities that exist for local companies when adopting new modern methods of construction. There will be live demonstrations of some of these techniques taking place on the event floor throughout the day. | 1.20pm |  Paul Toben Programme Manager London 2012 Games Business Link Kent |
| | | | 1.55pm |  Jane Ollis Sustainable Business Programme Manager: Business Link Kent |
| | | | 2.30pm |  Russ Timpson Principal Engineer and Managing Director of the Fire Strategy Co |
| | | | 3.00pm |  Wendy Mesher Medway Renaissance |
| | | | | Realising the Rochester Riverside Vision An exciting programme of Rochester Riverside flagship development will be unfolded during this presentation by the insightful CEO of Crest Nicholson. What is coming to Rochester and what will be the effect on Medway? (Later on in the afternoon, a riverside tour will be hosted by Medway Renaissance; there are limited places, so book if you haven't already done so!) |
| | | | | One Planet' Pooran is a founding director of BioRegional Quintain Ltd, who are the joint developers alongside Crest Nicholson on Rochester Riverside. Pooran will outline the principles that form One Planet Living and what it will mean for people who will live, work and create a community at Rochester Riverside. Pooran is also going to be one of our judges throughout the day at the mini expo for schools sponsored by Denne Construction. |
| | | | | Debt Recovery In this current period of economic uncertainty, Rob will present a practical "self-help guide" to help prevent businesses within the construction industry from falling victim to bad debt. After setting the scene with the latest debt statistics, he will deal with relationships with customers, with a view to hopefully avoiding problems arising in the first place. Emphasis will also be placed on the importance of clear contractual relations and maintaining the balance between marketing and realisations. Finally, he will share some hints on how to ensure that you are not seen as a "soft touch" whilst at the same time maintaining good customer relations. |
| | | | | Setting up a construction site John will outline the issues involved in setting up site accommodation and the ever increasing cost of hiring so many different skilled contractors. He will cover the constraints surrounding planning, security as well as new environmental requirements. |
| | | | | Register for CompeteFor and see opportunities 2012 Games , Is your company fit enough to compete for the work being generated by the 2012 Games? Paul will give practical advice as to how companies in Kent and Medway can register for CompeteFor and access London's 2012 subcontractor opportunities. |
| | | | | Are you a small firm looking to win public sector contracts? Find out what public sectors contracts are coming up in Kent over the next 6 months and the opportunities for your business. Preparing tenders can help you win big orders but can be time consuming and costly. Come along to this session to find out why its worthwhile and why your environmental credentials are becoming more important. |
| | | | | Fire Safety A talk on serious fires at construction sites which will include 2 to 3 case studies and the risk management around these. |
| | | | | Rochester Riverside Tour with champagne reception A guided tour of the Rochester Riverside development on board the refurbished paddle steamer, Kingswear Castle. Spaces are limited for the boat tour, so book early! |

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